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## ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Accused Nazi guard: A federal judge Friday revoked the U.S. citizenship of a Romanian-born former member of the Nazi SS accused of serving as a concentration camp

guard.

The government accused Joseph Wittje, 84, of Bensenville, Ill., of hiding his membership in an SS Death's Head battalion that guarded Sachsenhausen, a camp near Berlin where thousands were executed or died from starvation, disease and medical experi-

The government contended that because the Nazi Waffen SS was a movement hostile to the United States, Wittje was not lawfully admitted to this country when he was granted citizenship in August 1959.

#### World

India missile test: India on Sunday test-launched a nuclear-capable missile able to carry a one-ton warhead, the defense ministry said.

The weapon has a range of up to 1,560 miles - easily within striking distance of any of India's near neighbors - and is designed to carry both conventional and nucle ar warheads

Somalia forms parliament: Somalia inau-gurated a transitional parliament Sunday, taking an important first step toward form ing a new government for the devastated country

Leaders of Somalia's major clans have been meeting in Kenya since October 2002 in an attempt to end 13 years of fighting. They hope to establish the first effective central government since 1991, when warlords ousted dictator Mohamed Siad Barre before turning on each other, plunging the country into chaos

Palestinian clashes in Lebanon: Armed clashes broke out Sunday between Palestinian supporters of Yasser Arafat and Islamic extremists in Lebanon's largest refugee camp, and officials said three people were killed. At least seven people were wounded when machine-gun fire erupted in the Ein el-Hilweh camp on the outskirts of Sidon.

Members of Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction, Palestinian officials said, battled those of the radical Asbat al-Ansar group, which is on the U.S. list of terrorist organizations. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said fighting started when a



Gandhi's nonviolent message: Arun Gandhi, center, the grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, sits with Knesset members Haim Oron, left, and Yuli Tamir on Sunday prior to a meeting with the initiators of the Geneva Accord, an unofficial peace plan written in 2003. Gandhi arrived in Israel Aug. 24 for a weeklong visit to the West Bank and Israel, to float nonviolent options to end almost four years of fighting between Israelis and Palestinians.

pro-Arafat march reached a street controlled by Asbat al-Ansar. Members of the group opened fire in the direction of the demonstrators, killing Mohammed Ibrahim, a Fatah official, and his assistant, Moham-med al-Aatout, A Lebanese teenager who was standing on her balcony just outside the camp was hit by a stray bullet and died, according to hospital officials.

Russian plane crashes: Russia must de velop unified standards for airport security, the country's transport minister said Sun-day, five days after the crash of two airliners believed to have been brought down by

The airliners, which had taken off from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, crashed within minutes of each other on Tuesday, killing all 90 people aboard. Officials said traces of the high-explosive hexogen were found in the wreckage of both planes.

The statements that explosives apparent ly were brought on board planes at one of Russia's most modern and sophisticated airnorts indicated potentially large security gaps in the air transport network that knits the country's far-flung cities.

Transport Minister Igor Levitin admitted that there is no national standard for airport security.

#### War on terrorism

Threats against Italy: An online statement posted Sunday in the name of an al-Qaida-linked group pledged that the Vatican would be spared, but repeated threats to "turn Rome into hell."

"We declare that the Vatican will never be one of (our) targets," said the statement, posted on a Web site known for its militant Islamic content. Its authenticity could not be verified.

The statement, signed in the name of the Abu-Hafs al-Masri Brigades, repeated threats to ravage Rome unless Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government withdraws Italian troops from Iraq.

Several past statements attributed to the group have warned any target in Italy was valid because the government had ignored demands to withdraw its approximately 3,000 troops from Iraq.

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# Sasebo spared Chaba's worst-case scenario

BY GREG TYLER AND SHAREN SHAW JOHNSON

Stars and Strines

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - Base residents concerned about Typhoon Chaba, due to pound Sasebo on Monday morning, got some good news from weath er forecasters Sunday evening: The storm likely would hit the southern Japan base with only about half the punch once thought possible.

Chaba still would make landfall in Kyushu but pass east of Sasebo, not west, fore casters predicted. Sustained winds should peak at 52 mph and gust up to 69 mph, they said — a poor day for a picnic, but far better than predictions had the storm passed to the west. Had it taken that westerly track, the base could have been walloped with sustained winds of 98 mph, gusting up to 115 mph, stronger than any time in 60 years of recorded weather history available to the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment in Sasebo

Condition of Readiness One the storm was expected to strike the base within 12 hours — just before 10 p.m. Sun-day. Typhoon Chaba was 305 miles to the southeast, moving to the northwest at about 12 mph.

"Confidence is extremely high that Tvphoon Chaba will pass ... to the southeast of Sasebo," the NPMOD forecast stated early Sunday evening

"It is still too early to determine exactly how close the storm will pass ... although destructive force winds of 58 miles per hour or greater are not currently expected to occur," the forecast stated.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii issued a prediction that echoed the local weather model: "A track west of Sasebo has been ruled out completely.

Still, Monday looked to be a bad hair day for anyone venturing outside. Base schools postponed the first day of classes, officials announced Saturday; school personnel reaffirmed the school closure Sunday

The Sunday evening forecast indicated that winds gradually would begin to decrease by late afternoon Monday with windy conditions (gusts 23 miles per hour or greater) ending by sunrise Tuesday.

After landfall Monday morning over southwestern Kyushu, Typhoon Chaba should have weakened rapidly, forecasters said. They predicted it would move over western Honshu, Japan's main island, later Monday evening, passing about 13 miles west-northwest of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station.

A greatly weakened Chaba was forecast to pass by Yokosuka Naval Base and Yokota Air Base on Tuesday. Both sites were in low-threat TCCOR Storm Watch Sunday. their respective weather forecasting units

At Yokosuka, sustained winds of 40 mph, gusting to 57 mph, were expected from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, according to the base's weather forecast recording Sunday evening.

Further inland, at Yokota, sustained winds of 35 mph, gusting to 46 mph, were expected Tuesday. "We'll probably stay in TCCOR Storm Watch throughout the TCCOR Storm Watch throughout the whole period," a forecaster at the 20th Operational Weather Squadron said Sunday

evening. But the naval and air bases can expect a drenching. A Sunday forecast from the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center at Yokosuka predicted heavy rain at times on Monday and Tuesday; the Yokota forecaster said, "We should get 1 to 3 more inches of rain" before the storm moves north.

Forecasters predicted Chaba would recurve northeast, accelerating to a position approximately 397 miles north-northeast of Misawa Air Base by Wednesday morning.

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## Base support group offers help for grief's effects

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - People here suffering from grief caused by losses such as the death of an immediate family member now have a place to turn

for support. The Grief Support Group meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the base's Community and Education Center. At the group's first meeting Thursday night, those attending learned grief is not only caused by someone dying.

"It can, of course, be the loss of a loved one," said Lt. Megen Mill-er, organizer of the group. "But it can also be loss of one's health due to chronic illness, the loss of a family member on deployment for months on end. A divorce. A retirement."

There also is a great deal an individual can do, she said, adding the first key realization for a grieving person is reality accep-

"Life is never restored to the way it was before the loss of someone close," Miller wrote across a message board in the meeting

Then, Miller added, "The pur-pose of grief work is not to 'get over' the loss, but to adjust to its consequences.

Miller, family practice manager at Sasebo's Navy Branch Medi-cal Clinic, and base command chaplain Cmdr. Harvey Ranard discussed the idea of the group a couple of months ago.

"What's important is not that we attract classrooms full of people, but that people who find themselves suffering in this way have an outlet ... and a group of willing supporters who underwhat they're through," Ranard said

"I just began to see that there was a need for this in the community," Miller said after the meet-ing. "I have friends here who were suffering a great deal because of losses in their lives."
"Plus my background is work-

ing ontological nursing [cancer patients], so I learned about peo44 What's important is not that we attract classrooms full of people, but that people who find themselves suffering in this

> way have an outlet ... 77 Cmdr. Harvey Ranard Rase command chaplain

ple facing loss. I enjoy being there for them, so it has become my professional passion."

Also helping get the organization off the ground is Petty Offic-er 1st Class Aaron Thomas, an addiction counselor at the Navy Branch Medical Clinic. He said many of his clients "have a power-ful, unresolved grief in their

Several years ago, Thomas worked in an intensive care unit. where some patients are not exnected to leave alive. Thomas took care of those patients, got to know them as people and got to know their families. The experience taught him tremendous lessons about grief and the impact it has in the lives of survivors, he

One person attending Thursday has had a spouse deployed for at least seven months. Some of the symptoms the individual described are the same as those endured by people who've lost a loved one.

There are hundreds of family members in Saseho with snouses deployed for at least the next six or seven months. Miller hopes these people come to the Grief Support Group meetings.

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Lt. Megen Miller of Sasebo Naval Base's Navy Branch Medical Clinic writes a key point on a board during the first meeting of the base's new Grief Support Group, which teaches participants how to cope with grief, whether following the loss of a loved one or other events, such as illness, divorce or deployment's effects.

## Symptoms of grief

Vulnerability

Social

around them

loved one's death

Abandonment

#### **Physical**

Hyperactive or under active elings of unreality Physical distress such as chest pains, abdominal pains, he

Change in appetite Weight change

Fatique Sleeping problems

Restlessness Crying and sighing Feelings of emptines Shortness of breath Tightness in the throat

#### **Emotional**

Numbness Sadness Anger Fear rritability Guilt

#### Loneliness Longing

Admit you are hurting and go with Anxiety Apply cold or heat to your body, whichover feels hest Meaninglessness Apathy

Ask for and accept help Talk to others Face the loss

Stop asking "Why?" and ask, "What will I do now?"

Recognize that a bad day does not

mean that all is lost

Exercise Keep to a routine Introduce pleasant changes into Know that you will survive

Take care of something alive, such as a plant or pet Write a journal

Be around people Schedule time alone Do not overdo

www.griefwatch.com

## Help through grief

Searching for the deceased

Sense of the loved one's presence

Wandering aimlessly
Trying not to talk about loss in
order to help other feel comfortable

Needing to retell the story of the

Slowed thinking Dreams of the deceased

Be natient with yourself

# Talks aim at reducing Sadr City violence

## U.S. officials, Iraqi Shiites hope to extend Najaf peace deal to Baghdad neighborhood

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. military officials and representatives of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr held talks Sunday aimed at reducing violence in the restive Baghdad slum of Sadr City, a day after clashes there killed 10 people, officials said.

British forces in the southern city of Basra also the site of recent fighting, held similar talks with al-Sadr officials there

Both areas had erupted in violence after U.S. forces and al-Sadr's militants began fighting in the holy city of Najaf three weeks ago, and the talks Sunday appeared to be an effort by both sides to expand on the peace deal that ended the Najaf crisis Fri-

An agreement, at least in Sadr City, remained elusive, however, with al-Sadr's aides demanding a U.S. pullout from the neighborhood a condition IIS officials refused.

Meanwhile. guerrillas launched an attack on the country's oil infrastructure in the south, blowing up several oil export pipelines and cutting al-ready curtailed exports to about 500,000 barrels a day, an oil offi-In the north, insurgents am-

bushed U.S. troops with rocket-propelled grenades near Mosul, sparking gunbattles that killed two attackers and wounded 34 civilians, the U.S. military

HS forces and al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia have been fighting for weeks in Sadr City, the slum named for the rebel cleric's father. Though peace descended on Najaf on Friday, skirmishes continued Saturday in Baghdad, with militants firing mortars and automatic weapons at ITS troops and tanks in the impoverished neighborhood.

The head of the tribal negotiating team, Naim al-Bakhati, told reporters that all sides - including al-Sadr representatives had agreed that damaged areas there be rebuilt, U.S. troops withdraw from the area except for their normal patrols and that Iragi police be allowed to enter the slum

But "there was no agreement on the Mahdi Army handing over their weapons," al-Bakhati said

Sadr City police chief Col Maarouf Moussa Omran said all sides agreed to observe a one-day truce until Monday morning to give the Iraqi government time to discuss the results of the meet-

But Lt. Col. Jim Hutton, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division, said "there has been no agreement of any kind," adding that the talks were not negotiations.

In Basra, a British commander held talks with al-Sadr's top rep-

Workers try to contain a fire Sunday after saboteurs blew up a pipeline in al-Radgha, about 30 miles southwest of Basra, Iraq. Insurgents have launched repeated attacks on Iraq's vital oil industry in a bid to undermine the interim government and reconstruction efforts.

resentative in the city, Sheik al-Basri, Asaad al-Basri, pro-al-Sadr deputy and the governor, Salam al-Maliki.

British Maj. Charlie Mayo, a co alition spokesman in Basra, described the meeting as a routine "interaction between the local British commanders and respected tribal leaders. The latest attack on Iraq's vul-

nerable oil infrastructure occurred Sunday when assailants blew up several export pipelines in al-Radgha, about 30 miles southwest of Basra, an official at the state-run South Oil Co. said on condition of anonymity.

Plumes of black smoke billowed from the area as firefighters struggled to douse the flames. The pipelines connect the Rumeila oil fields with export storage tanks in the Faw peninsula.

## Web site shows kidnapped Nepalese reading statement

By RAWYA RAGER The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - A Web site linked to an Iraqi militant group showed a video of 12 Nepalese workers kidnapped in Iraq, with one of them reading a statement warning workers against going to Iraq and blaming America for lying about security in the war-ravaged country

The video on a Web site of the Ansar Al-Sunna Army could not be independently verified. It was not possible to identify the men as the 12 shown in photographs on the site last week when Ansar Al-Sunna Army

announced the kidnappings.
The group has been linked to past kidnapping claims

a seated man draped in an American flag and reading from a paper. He said the group came to Iraq under a deal between their company in Nepal and American forces, brokered by a Jordanian company

The unidentified man spoke in broken English, mostly inaudible.

Arabic subtitles were provided.

"We are not the only ones who were cheated by America's promises to work with them," he said, surrounded by the 11 other hostages who were holding their

Behind them was a black banner bearing the name of the group and the phrase

There is no God but God. Muhammad is the prophet of God." The speaker said each of the 12 men were

offered \$2,500 a month to work in Irag. "The Americans assured us that the situation in Iraq is stable and not dangerous," he said, "America lied to us. ... The situation

here is not under American control. He warned others against coming to Iraq. "We call upon those who want to come to

Iraq not be duped by American claims," he

The 12 workers were kidnapped August 23, four days after crossing into Iraq. The previous Ansar Al-Sunna Army statement said the men were subcontracted to a Jorda-

¥230,000

nian company and worked for the U.S. military in Iraq.

Nepal — an impoverished South Asian na-

- doesn't allow its citizens to work in Iraq because of security concerns. An esti-mated 17,000 Nepalese are believed to have slipped into the war-torn country from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and about 200,000 work elsewhere in the Gulf.

Scores of foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq in recent months by insurgents and criminal gangs seeking to extort money or pressure foreign troops and companies to leave the country. Nepal has sent no troops to Iraq despite a

request from the United States, but armed Nepalese personnel work for security firms guarding foreign contractors in Iraq.

#### Chirac: Hostages' release a priority

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac vowed Sunday to spare no effort to free two French journalists held hostage in Iraq by militants reportedly demanding that France revoke its law banning Islamic head scarves in schools

Chirac said he dispatched Foreign Minister Michel Barnier to the Middle East to seek the release of Christian Chesnot and Georges Mal-

#### Turks freed by Iraqi militants

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Two Turkish hostages were freed by Iraqi militants Sunday, a Turkish Foreign Ministry official said, less than a week after the men's employers said they were ending operations in Iraq to

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The Turkish engineers — Ali Daskin and Abdullah Ozdemir — "were released. They're now at the embassy in Baghdad," Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Namik Tan told The Associated Press. The two men were kidnapped from a construction site in Iraq.



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# **Soldier: Abuse** encouraged in Abu Ghraib

BERLIN - Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, who last week agreed to plead guilty to some charges in the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, said in an interview published Sunday that "secret services" operating in the jail encour-

aged the humiliation of prisoners. But Frederick said he was taking responsibility for what he had

urged other defendants to do the same "I will an-

swer for my acts in court but I hope that others will take my example and take responsibility for their guilt there are



certainly more people responsible for what happened in Abu Gh-raib and many of them are not yet charged." Frederick said in the interview with Der Spiegel maga-

The interview was conducted last week in Mannheim, where Frederick told a military court he would plead guilty at a hearing in Baghdad in October.

Frederick, a corrections officer in Buckingham, Va., told Der Spiegel that the abuse was already going on at Abu Ghraib when his unit arrived there, and that they were told that was the way military intelligence wanted it done.

"The people from the secret services were always praising us they said 'do more like that, you're doing good work,' "Freder-

lished in German. "The secret services had simply set no bound-aries. They were looking for concrete results and were not interin how they ested achieved.'

"They said 'put the dogs on these prisoners, try to get more information from them, take their food away, their clothes — humili-ate them,' " he told the magazine in a German-language report.

An Army investigation released last week said an unidentified civilian contractor worked with and encouraged abuse by Frederick

Frederick and five other military police currently face charges in the Abu Ghraib case, while a seventh has pleaded guilty and is serving one year in prison. Their defense attorneys have maintained that they were following the direction of civilian contractors and military intelligence in carrying out the abuse.

Frederick is charged with maltreating detainees, conspiracy to maltreat detainees, dereliction of duty and wrongfully committing an indecent act and has not said specifically which counts he will plead guilty to.

During the three days of hear ings in Mannheim, prosecutors said at least two military intelligence soldiers would soon be charged and the judge suggested he may force key military intelligence officers to testify, broaden-ing the scope of the prison scandal beyond the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army reserve unit from Maryland to which all soldiers facing charges so far were assigned.

## Iraq envoy arrives in Iran to pave way for Allawi's visit

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iraq's deputy prime minister visited Tehran on Sunday in what appeared to be an attempt at fence-mending between the former enemies whose relations have been bruised by growing Iraqi allegations that Iran is supporting the insurgency in Iraq.

Barhem Saleh arrived with the interior and transportation ministers on the first direct flight between Baghdad and Tehran in 25 years. Saleh is scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister Kamal Khar-

"I am carrying the friendship message of the Iraqi government and nation for the Iranian government and people," the official Is-lamic Republic News Agency quoted Saleh as saying.

Tension has been rising between

Iraq and former foe Iran Iraqi De fense Minister Hazem Shaalan went so far as to describe Iran as Iraq's "first enemy."

Iraqi officials have accused Te-hran of backing insurgents and a Shiite militia in Iraq in an attempt to influence the political process there - a charge that Iran has de nied

Relations also have soured with the unexplained disappearance of several Iranians inside Iraq.

Saleh said Iraqi officials wanted to stress "the strengthening of brotherly ties between the two countries

According to Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi talks will focus on the cases of Faridoun Jihani, the Iranian consul to Karbala, Iraq, who was kidnapped by militants three weeks ago, and other missing Iranian nationals in

## IN THE WORLD



an police officers gather at the scene of an explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

## **Afghan blast kills 2 Americans**

KABUL, Afghanistan - A powerful explosion tore Arboth, Arguanistan—A powerful explosion offer through the office of a U.S. security contractor in the Afghan capital Sunday, killing seven people, includ-ing two Americans, officials and witnesses said.

The explosion hit the office of Dyncorp Inc., an American firm that provides security for Afghan President Hamid Karzai and works for the U.S. government in Iraq, said Nick Downie of the Afghanistan NGO Security Office.

"The explosion, which occurred in front of the Kabul office of an international security company, killed at least seven people," Karzai's office said in a statement, "Two Americans, three Nepalese and two Afghan nationals, including a child, have been confirmed dead.'

Karzai and U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad ex-

An embassy statement said the contractor was also involved in a project to train Afghan police.

"This cowardly attack will not deter U.S. participation in the ongoing effort to help Afghanistan stand on its own feet," Khalilzad said, expressing sympathy for

the victims of a "terrorist attack." Downie said he and others at the scene nulled five or six seriously injured people - including other apparent U.S. citizens — from the building.

"Some were obviously Dyncorp staff," he said. Dyncorp Inc. is a division of Computer Science Services, Inc., based in El Segundo, Calif.

Meanwhile, another explosion ripped through a school in southeastern Afghanistan, killing nine children and one adult, the U.S. military said Sunday.

## Israel denies tie to alleged Pentagon spy

JERUSALEM - Israeli officials predicted Sunday that allega tions that the government spied on the Pentagon would be proven untrue, but analysts said damage to the image of Israel and its lobbying ally in Washington had already been done

American officials said Saturday that the FBI has spent more than a year investigating whether a Pentagon analyst funneled highly classified material to Israel

The material described White House policy toward Iran. Israel says Iran - and its nuclear ambitions - pose the greatest single threat to the Jewish state.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office issued a denial late Saturday, saying "Israel does not engage in intelligence activities in the U.S.

Natan Sharansky, the first Israeli Cabinet minister to speak in public about the matter, told Canadian Broadcasting Corp. television that Israel enforces a ban on snying in the United States

"I hope it's all a mistake or misunderstanding of some kind, maybe a rivalry between different bodies," he said, singling out "the Pentagon and the CIA."

The scandal dominated Israeli newspapers and radio reports Sunday. In numerous interviews, both current and former Israeli intelligence officials said it was highly unlikely that Israel would have to spy on the U.S. government.

They pointed to close ties be tween the U.S. and American intelligence communities. They also said there has been a strict ban on espionage against U.S. targets since the 1985 arrest of American naval analyst Jonathan Pollard for passing on secrets to Israel Pollard is serving a life sentence. Israeli legislator Ehud Yatom, chairman of the parliamentary subcommittee on covert intelligence, said he expected the allegations to be quickly with

"I imagine that within a few days the United States will come out with an announcement that Israel has no connection whatsoever with the supposed spy and his activities," he told the radio.

The U.S. investigation centers on whether a Pentagon analyst passed classified material about Iran to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the influential main Israeli lobbying organi-zation in Washington, and whether that group in turn passed them on to Israel. Both AIPAC and Israel deny the allegations

U.S. officials identified the analyst as Larry Franklin, an Iran specialist working under Douglas Feith, a top F entagon official with close ties to Israel. Franklin did not respond to a message left at his office.

### Brazil balcony collapse

SAO PAULO, Brazil - A balcony collapse killed six people and injured at least 117 at a crowded Sao Paulo nightclub that featured male strippers, police said.

An interior balcony at the Ladies First nightclub collapsed under the weight of customers, crushing people below, around 2 a.m. Sunday

"The balcony had many more people than the structure of the place would support," said munici-pal guard Luciano da Zaparoli.

Authorities were still investigating details of the incident at the nightclub in the Guarulhos neighborhood, near Sao Paulo's international airport

From The Associated Press

## Russian-backed official leads in vote to replace slain Chechen president

BY MIKE ECKEL

The Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia - The Russian government's choice for president of war-ravaged Chechnya appeared to be the victor Sunday in an election tainted by charges of fraud and shadowed by last week's terrorist destruction of two airliners Little more than two hours

after polls closed, acting Chechen president Sergei Abramov said nreliminary results showed Mai Gen. Alu Alkhanov, the republic's top police official and the Russian government's new choice, had passed the 50-percent mark needed to win, the Interfax news agency reported.

Violence shadowed the balloting. A man blew himself up near a polling station after trying to enter it carrying a package, officials said. Worries about terrorism were stoked by the crashes of

two Russian airliners five days before the election: officials said traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, and there are suspicions two Chechen women conducted the suicide attacks.

Seven candidates contended to replace the previous Krem-lin-backed Chechen president, Akhmad Kadvrov, who was assassinated in May. But six were seen as having little chance against Alkhanov

Candidate Abdullah Bugayev said he had formally complained to election officials after seeing several violations, including an Alkhanov campaign worker who ordered people to vote for him at a polling station. The election is part of the Kremlin's strategy to try to undermine support for separatist rebels who have been fighting Russian forces for nearly five years by inducing a sense of civil order in the republic.

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# Porn the new plague in conservative China

BY JOHN M. GLIONNA Los Angeles Times

- The pregnant BELIING woman slices through the crowd

on a busy sidewalk.
"Yellow movie," she whispers to two passing men - the Chinese slang for pornography. Holding her belly, she guides them to a grassy area, lifting a clump of sod to reveal several knockoff discs from the United States and Japan.

Her eyes darting for police, she makes the sale: 20 yuan, or about \$2.40, for two video compact discs. Then, as quickly as she ap-peared, the soon-to-be mom is

In cities across China, women hustle porn on pedestrian overpasses and at tunnel entrances. Many are pregnant; others carry 1-year-olds often rented for as little as a dollar a day. The babies are both props and shields: They enable buyers immediately to identify the sellers, and the women exploit a loophole in Chi-nese criminal law that allows for only a brief detainment of preg-nant women or those with infants.

In recent years, the govern-ment has taken a comparatively lax enforcement approach to sexually explicit movies, magazines and Internet images, all of which are illegal here.

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This summer, however, frustrated government officials took new steps in dealing with the burgeoning pornography problem, launching a nationwide crack-down on the sale of so-called yellow discs and the operation of pornographic Web sites. President Hu Jintao, calling for a people's war against such "contaminated material," pledged to punish por-

nography purveyors severely "This is China's new big prob-lem," said a Beijing official familwith the anti-porn crusade "Many people consider pornography the nation's No. 1 social ill. even more so than gambling and drugs. It's become that serious."

The crusade is the newest tactic waged by an authoritarian government frustrated by an American Summer of Love-style sexual revolution that has swept across China

Only a generation removed from a time when writing a love letter was grounds for punishment, China's airwaves are now awash with "sex talk" radio shows. Graphic sex novels such as "Breakup Dawn" and "Happiness That Lasts Half-Day Long"

have become bestsellers. China's new sexuality has come at a price: Along with the spread of HIV and AIDS, the popularity of

Party officials Communist alarmed. Teens regularly surf porn at the Internet cafes that serve China's 90 million online users. Many of them have personal computers and cell phone screens

featuring soft-porn images.

This appetite has spawned a

owing underground industry In the largest case of its kind in China, 16 people in the southern province of Guangdong tried this spring for distributing 4.4 million pirated pornographic discs nationwide. Beijing police recently closed the capital's biggest pirated porn video store, con-fiscating thousands of X-rated discs from an operator who admitted serving hundreds of regular customers.

People convicted of running prostitution rings have been exe cuted, and in the late 1980s a man was put to death for selling X-rated pictures taken of himself and his wife, a Beijing city official

acknowledged. An editorial last year in the state-run media applauded plans by the government to raid residences to search for pornographic video compact discs, saying the move would bring the war against pornography "to the next level." The only concern, the editorial said, was the campaign's effect on privacy

The trend worries some human

rights scholars.
"Human rights are more than protection against arrest and torture without due process - they also include being free to watch movies of any kind," said Roger Pilon, vice president for legal affairs at the Cato Institute, a liber-

tarian think tank in Washington. "If an authoritarian regime like China is willing to raid people's homes for watching pornography. an action that goes to the most innocent of behaviors, then we know they're prepared to do much more

Li Yinhe, a Cambridge, En-gland-trained sociologist at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences who is considered the nation's leading sexologist, said the growing popularity of pornography is part of the new China's search for sexual freedom.

She pointed to signs every-where: A recent study at Zhejiang University near Shanghai showed that more than 60 percent of stu-dents were tolerant of homosexuality. And a government study found that 90 percent of young urban couples admitted to having sex before they were married.

Sociologists say China was open about sex until the Tang dynasty - which lasted until A.D. 907. For the next 1,000 years, the culture adopted a more straight-laced Confucian ethic about sex. Although Shanghai became known for its sexual mystique during the 1920s, the Communist Party returned China to an era of taboo — especially during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution - forcing people to wear drab, unisex clothes

Now, Li says, Chinese history has come full circle. Young people often kiss and grope in public. Those with money check into hotels for what was once only a Western practice: the one-night



## IN THE STATES



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry speaks at a rally in Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday,

## Kerry, Democrats take aim at Bush

BY COLLEEN MCCAIN NELSON The Dallas Morning News

TACOMA, Wash. - The spotlight will be trained on Republi-cans this week, but John Kerry and his surrogates launched a pre emptive strike against the president Saturday.

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark called George Bush incompetent and indecisive. And Kerry said the president's administration amounted to little more than a slew of slogans.

Kerry appealed to the party faithful in this divided but Democratic-leaning state to keep working on his behalf.

"This is the most important elec-tion of our lifetimes," the Demo-cratic presidential candidate said. "Everything that matters to you is on the line.

Thousands rallied at the Tacoma Dome, where the Massachusetts senator continued to lay out his plans to improve the economy. Kerry promised voters jobs and in-surance, saying that affordable health care is not a "goo-goo, do-gooder, wacky kind of idea.

He had spent the last week working to shift the campaign story line from his military service to his plans to help the middle class. But on Saturday, Kerry and the veter-ans who took the stage with him had some tough talk for those who would doubt his heroism

"I think it's outrageous that the

president of the United States can question the medals and the service and the valor of American veterans who have served," said Clark, a former Democratic presidential candidate

Bush has said Kerry served honorably and has denied any ties to the group of Vietnam veterans attacking Kerry's military record.

"We say to George Bush. 'Enough is enough,' " Clark said. "You want to match early records of service? Throw it onen to the

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt called Clark's comments a baseless attack.

"John Kerry keeps trying to di-vide America over the past," he said. "His hypocrisy, combined with his vacillation and indecision regarding the war on terror are one reason he has a growing credibility problem with the American people

Jim Rassmann, the soldier Kerry rescued from a Vietnam river, came to the senator's defense, calling him courageous and trustworthy. When the crowd began to boo at the mention of Kerdetractors, Rassmann said, 'No, don't do that. ... They're misguided, but they served bravely.'

Kerry made no mention of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. But he told the crowd, "I defended this country as a young man, and I will defend it as president of the Unit-

# **Bush readies for kickoff** of Republican convention

## Protesters march in New York as delegates gather

BY TOM RAUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tens of thou sands of demonstrators marched past Madison Square Garden, site of the Republican National Convention, on Sunday, chanting, blowing whistles and carrying anti-war banners as delegates gathered to nominate President Bush for a second term.

On the eye of the convention the demonstrators packed the street from sidewalk to sidewalk for 20 blocks as they slowly filed

"Hope is in the air, help is on the way," civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said through a bullhorn

On the other side of New York Harbor, Vice President Dick Cheney told a rally on Ellis Island that Bush was "exactly the leader we need for these times, and we need him for the next four years.

With the New York skyline as the background, Cheney said it was "a special honor to kick things off here on this island, the gateway to America for so many people? Meanwhile, Bush suggested in

an interview with Time magazine that he still would have gone into Iraq but with different tactics if he had known "that an enemy that should have surrendered or been done in escaped and lived to fight another day

He called the swift military offensive that led to the fall of Baghdad in April 2003 "a catastrophic success" in light of the fact that fighting continues to this day despite the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's government.

That brought an immediate response from Democratic vice presidential nominee John Ed-

"President Bush now says his



Mock coffins signifying U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq are carried Sunday during a protest march headed toward New York City's Madison Square Garden, where the Republican National Convention was to start Monday. Sunday's demonstrations drew tens of thousands of protesters.

Iraq policy is a catastrophic success. He's half right. It was catastrophic to rush to war without a plan to win the peace," Edwards

Preconvention polls showed the presidential race evenly split between Bush and Democrat John Kerry, although the challenger has lost ground since his convention in Boston a month ago. The four-day Republican meeting opens Monday.

The demonstrators took their protests of Bush's foreign and economic policies to the fortified streets of midtown Manhattan. swarming up Seventh Avenue past the convention site shouting 'No more Bush.'

"The majority of this country wants the Bush administration out of office," filmmaker and Bush critic Michael Moore told the crowd. A large banner said, "Save America. Defeat Bush. People poked their heads out of apartment windows to watch the marchers in the sweltering heat.

About 45 protesters on bicycles were detained and bound with plastic handcuffs just off the march route, police said. More than 300 people had been arrest-ed through Saturday night for disorderly conduct and convention-related incidents.

Bush went to church Sunday morning, rode his mountain bike and was flying later to Wheeling, W.Va., for a rally. He was campaigning in battleground states as he makes his way to this overwhelmingly Democratic convention city.

Kerry was spending the day at his beachfront home in Nantucket. Mass

Former President Clinton, speaking in New York City at the interdenominational Riverside Church, asserted that religious faith was "not the exclusive province of the right wing.

"The religious right has tried to turn all of us, in disagreeing with them, into two-dimensional car-toons," Clinton said.





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Paul Williams of Charleston, S.C., secures a friend's boat at the Charleston City Marina as Tropical Storm Gaston approached Saturday.

# Storm Gaston drops rain, high winds in S. Carolina

BY BRUCE SMITH The Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. -Tropical Storm Gaston sloshed ashore in South Carolina Sunday, spinning sheets of rain and near hurricane-force wind as it uprooted trees, flooded roads and knocked out power to at least 125,000 homes.

Gov. Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency as the storm moved inland and encouraged "folks to stay in their homes for the time being so that damage assessment crews, utility truck

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can do their jobs."

The storm made landfall at Bulls Bay near McClellanville, just a few miles from where Hurricane Charley made a second landfall after devastating southwest Florida earlier this month.

As much as eight inches of rain had fallen along some parts of the coast by midday, and a flash flood watch was in effect.

Steady sheets of rain fell in Mount Pleasant hours after the eve of Gaston came ashore. Tree limbs littered flooded roadways, some of which were impassable

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vear on a new boulevard were pushed to the pavement, and road signs twisted in the wind.

Across the harbor in Charles-ton, Gaston flooded streets and pushed over power poles. At least 75,000 people were without power at the height of the storm.

"The best advice for everyone is to stay put. Stay put, don't go out please," said Charleston's or, Joseph P. Riley Jr. "This will be past us quickly and let's just stay out of harm's way and get it behind us."

By midday, the storm was moving north about 8 mph toward inland South Carolina, weakening along the way but still prompting flood watches and warnings of wind gusts as high as 60 mph.

The rain along the coast was ta-pering off, although blustery winds still raked the coastline near Charleston and intersections throughout the area had no traffic

"The important thing is that we don't have any false sense of safe-ty that it's all over," Riley said "We have downed trees and often times there are nower lines under those downed trees.

Charleston County officials said there was only one initial report of a serious injury - a resident hurt when a tree fell on a

"It just goes to show that the residents took the proper precautions that they needed to take and shows they were prepared," said Roland Windham, the Charleston County administrator. "We hope we don't experience any more injuries during the cleanup. That's typically when you see a lot of injuries occur."

Residents in low-lying areas in Charleston and Georgetown counties were urged to move to higher ground before the storm hit. Authorities also asked people living in mobile homes to evacufinds way to stores BY ADRIAN SAINZ The Associated Pres-

MIAMI — Small toys showing an airplane flying into the World Trade Center were packed inside some of more than 14,000 bags of candy bound largely for small groceries around the country before being recalled.

Lisy Corp., the wholesaler that distributed the candy, said Friday that the toys were purchased in bulk from a Miami-based import company.

The toys came in an assortment urchased sight unseen from L&M Import in Miami and included the toys depicting the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the twin towers, whistles and other small toys, said Luis Padron. Lisy's national sales manager. The invoice said the toy was a plastic swing set.

"I hate to blame the importer. He probably did not know what he was getting. He brings them in 40-foot containers. But whoever made it knew exactly what they were making," Padron said.

Padron said Lisy did not notice the small plastic figurines until two people complained, but there is no mistaking what the toys represent: At the bottom of each is the product number 9011.

"When we found out what happened, we recalled them immediately," said Padron, who said the toys made in China do not reflect his company's view. "I was offended by them

The candy bags were distributed by the company's 100 distributors. Most are sold to small His-



A wholesaler in Miami is recalling 14,000 bags of candy that may contain this toy, shown Friday in Orlando, Fla., that shows a plane flying into the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001

panic and Mexican groceries, Padron said. He said 448 of the Twin Tower toys left the warehouse for distribution, but he managed to put a hold on the rest.

Anna Rodriguez, who bought a bag of the candy for her grand-son, said she was stunned when she saw the toy.

"It makes me angry," she told television station WFTV. "I was offended because I couldn't believe that someone would give something like that to a kid. Padron said he is saving the

toys to return to the distributor. A woman who answered the telephone at I &M refused to give her name and said Friday she did not know anything about the toy.

## Branigan, best known for 'Gloria.' dies at 47

BY MADISON J. GRAY The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Laura Branigan, a Grammy-nominated pop singer best known for her 1982 platinum hit "Gloria." has died. She was 47.

Branigan died of a brain aneurysm Thursday in her sleep at her home in East Quogue, said her brother Mark Branigan. He said she had complained to a friend of a headache for about two weeks before she died, but had not

"Gloria," a signature song from her debut album "Branigan," stayed atop the pop charts for 36 weeks and earned her a Grammy nomination for best female pop vocalist, the first of four nomina-

sought medical attention

tions in her career. She also made television appearances, including guest spots on "CHiPs," and in the films "Mugsy's Girls" and "Back-"Mugsy's Girls"

Branigan released seven al-



Singer Laura Branigan is shown in a publicity photo from the 1980s.

bums after her debut "Branigan." including "Solitaire," "Self Con-trol," and "How Am I Supposed to Live Without You," which was co-written with Michael Bolton.

Her songs also appeared on soundtracks for the films "Flashdance" and "Ghostbusters.

Branigan was born July 3. 1957, and grew up in Brewster. After her run of success in the

1980s, her releases in the early 1990s attracted little attention.

Branigan recently had been working on material for a new re-She is survived by her mother.

two brothers and a sister. Funeral services were scheduled for Monday.



## Congress gives no guarantee for rapid intelligence reform

BY WILLIAM C. MANN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Congress sional leaders on Sunday would not guarantee passage of an overhaul of the nation's intelligence agencies by the Novemher election, but they pledged to

try to make it happen. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said both the House and Senate have held hearings this summer and worked diligently on how to deal recommendations change offered by the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The commission found serious shortcomings in intelligence handling and analysis. Among the suggestions was creation of a national direction of intelli-gence with the power to oversee spending, hiring and firing of all intelligence agencies.

"We will be deliberate. We will be aggressive. We will be fo-cused," said Frist, who ap-peared with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., on "Fox News Sunday.'

tive orders Friday to expand the powers of the CIA director to perform many of the functions of a proposed national intelligence director until Congress comes up with a formula for the intelligence system.

Bush's orders also put in place other commission recommendations. He also has promised to work with Congress to design the position of overall director of the 15 civilian and military intelligence agencies.

Sen. Pat Roberts. R-Kan. chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has proposed breaking up the Central Intelligence Agency and downgrading or eliminating several agencies in the Pentagon.

Congress has set Oct. 1 as its target to leave before the Nov. 2 election, but that adjournment date is almost certain to be extended. The leaders of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee are working on intelligence legislation to be presented to the full Senate by the end of September.

#### Students sickened by carbon monoxide leak

ANACONDA, Mont. - Students sickened by a dormitory carbon monoxide leak have been released by hospitals or were to be released Sunday, school officials said Saturday.

"According to the medical people at the different hospitals, they are fine," said Bob Hogan, assistant student supervisor at the Anaconda Job Corps.

Twenty students from the center were flown Friday to hospitals around the Northwest. Hogan said all have been discharged except for five students in a Pocatello, Idaho, hospital who were expected to be released Sunday morning

#### Couple take a 60th anniversary plunge

GREENSBURG, Ind. — A couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary took a different kind of plunge — from an airplane.

As nervous friends and relatives craned their necks to watch, Albert and Esther McDaniel made their first skydiving jump on Friday. Both jumped in tandem with an experienced skydiver and returned safely to the ground

Earlier this year, the couple read a newspaper article about the Never Too Late Foundation, which grants wishes to the elderly. They contacted the group and told them their wish was to jump out of an air-

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## Calif. lawmakers pass bills to aid drug imports from Canada

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Cali fornia lawmakers have approved bills that would create govern-ment-sponsored Web sites en-

couraging consumers to buy cheaper prescrip-The measures tion drugs from

Canada The measures, which face almost certain vetoes by Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger, would make California one of just a few states to pro-

vide residents similar online information. Others include Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Maine

Federal law prohibits drug imports from other countries, but an estimated 1 million Americans are having their prescriptions filled at Canadian pharmacies at prices as much as 40 percent less than their American counterparts

Although the measures passed majorities, Schwarzenegger has indicated he will not sign either bill. Margi-

ta Thompson, face almost the governor's spokeswoman. certain vetoes bu has said the governor will not vi-

1aw Schwarzenegger. Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access, a coalition of labor and consumer

olate federal

organizations, said Schwarzenegger will be under pressure to reconsider. "He's going to have to decide

whether he is with families and seniors and uninsured patients or with the big drug companies that price-gouge and are among the

most profitable corporations in the world," Wright said.

One of the two bills would require the state to set up a Web site to help consumers find and buy Canadian imports; the second would establish another site warning of unsafe sources for pur-

### chasing drugs from Canada. EXCHANGE RATES

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# ents and Sensibility

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## Avoid disaster-aid scams

In the aftermath of a disaster. charities pop up like wildflow-ers, with telemarketers solicitdonations to help the cause If you decide to make a donation, the Federal Trade Commis-

sion recommends: at your heart strings.

■ Ask what percentage of the donation is used to support the cause and what percentage is used for administrative costs.

that the charity will support local organizations, call those or-ganizations to verify.

■ Don't provide bank or credit-card information over the phone

Ask for a receipt showing the amount of the contribution and stating that it is tax-deductible.

Avoid cash gifts. Instead. send a check made out to the charity organization - not the



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## FACES 'N' PLACES

### Christian Dior: J'adore Charlize Theron

Add Christian Dior to the list of Charlize Theron fans The company announced Thursday that the Oscar win-ner will be the new face of J'adore, the designer's fragrance that debuted in 2000.

Theron will start appearing in print ads and TV commercials next month — about the same time that ads for Chanel No. 5, featuring an-other Oscar winner, Nicole Kidman,

"Ms Theron was chosen because she represents modern femininity and embodies the spirit and energy of Dior. She is a classic beauty

Pamela Baxter, president and CEO of LVMH Perfumes and Cosmetics, Dior's parent company. The advertising deal with Theron

is the first one between the beauty brand and a celebrity. Dior's artistic director John Galliano oversaw all aspects of the ad campaign.

#### Floating into the world of 'Geisha'

Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, who plays a detective in the new NBC police drama "Hawaii," says he's "blown away" by his upcoming movie role — The Baron in "Memoirs of a Geisha."

"I'm just kind of floating right now," he said from the "Hawaii" set.

"Memoirs of a Geisha," directed by Rob Marshall, stars Michelle Yeoh, Zhang Ziyi and Ken Watanabe. The movie is based on the best-selling 1997 book, which chronicles a young girl's rise from poverty in a Japanese fishing village to life in high society

Tagawa, who has appeared in the films "Pearl Harbor" and "Planet of the Apes," said his work on the film wasn't expected to disrupt his schedule for "Hawaii," which debuts after the Olympics

#### Elvis fans have left the festival

Ticket sales again were disappointing for the Elvis Presley Festival, held in Tupelo, Miss., the town where the King of Rock 'n' Roll was born, putting the future of the event in jeopardy.

The festival has drawn some well-known musical acts in the last six years, including B.B. King and Little Richard. But the Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association

reported a loss of \$5,465 for the June 2004 festival. Last year, the event lost \$2,642 organizers said

"We can break even or make a little money, but we can't keep losing money," Jim High, the association's assistant director, said last week.

The Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau cut its contributions from \$100,000 in 2003 to \$50,000 this year.
"We love festivals," said Linda

Butler Johnson, the bureau's execu-tive director. "And we love to help with seed money, but over a period of time we need to pull back and let them stand on their

'It is a serious situation," said festival Chairman Gary Bailey. "We have to do whatever we can to make it successful next year.

#### That song was made for you and me

This song is my song, this song is your song. That's the agreement reached between the publishers of Woody Guthrie's classic "This Land Is Your Land" and JibJab Media, creators of an animated Internet short that uses the tune in a comic send-up of President Bush's and Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaigns

Ludlow Music, the song's publisher, agreed in a settlement last week to allow the cartoon — one of the biggest Internet draws of the summer — to keep using the song. In return, JibJab dropped a lawsuit against Ludlow that had sought an order saying its use of the song was protected because it was a parody and "This Land" was

in the public domain. The creators also agreed to provide a link on their Web site to the song's original lyrics and to donate 20 percent of any profits to the Woody Guthrie Foundation

Since its July 9 debut, the cartoon — in which equal op-portunity insults fly — has been viewed by about 20 million people, according to Santa Monica-based JibJab.

"'This Land' is known as an iconic song about national unity, and the JibJab parody is predominantly about the lack of national unity at this time," said Fred von Lohmann, a lawyer for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which represented JibJab

The video can be seen at http://www.jibjab.com

Disneyland earlier this month. At age 68, Andrews is still enjoying success in Hollywood.

ws and "young princesses" attend the world premiere of "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" held at

## Our royal love affair with Julie Andrews

BY HANH NGUYEN Zap2it.com

LOS ANGELES - While promoting her latest film, Disney's "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," actress Julie Andrews is the picture of poised elegance in a pristine white pants suit with matching scarf.

She regally presides over the table of journalists, who have regressed upon meeting her, eager to please and basking in her maternally warm smile. It's a natural reaction, considering that in two of her most memorable films, "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," she plays nannies who command affection as well as respect.

Now, a new generation of moviegoers is discovering Andrews' disarming combination of wit, charm and refine ment. In 2001's "The Princess Diaries," Andrews played Queen Clarisse of Genovia, the grandmother and royal mentor to aspiring princess Mia Thermopolis (Anne Hathaway). In the 2004 sequel, the queen prepares Mia for the heavy responsibilities of ruling, including making an ar-

ranged marriage.

In addition to Andrews' welcoming personality, kids today have been introduced to the star's beautifully cultured speaking voice as Oueen Clarisse and as the animated Queen Lillian in "Shrek 2." Although a botched throat operation in 1997 ended her famous four-octave singing voice, audiences are treated to Andrews' semimusical return to the big screen in "Diaries 2."

"It was the studio's idea [to have her sing] originally on the first film ... but we never did it." director Garry Marshall says. "Then the second time we took another swing, and this time she would try it

The British actress sings the original duet "Your Crowning Glory" during the film's raucous slumber party with Disney Channel star Raven, who plays Mia's pal Princess Asana. Andrews is modest about her brief performance.

"It's a very sweet little song and it was very specially written to kind of cope with my voice," she explains. "It's pitched very low, and I actually talk it more than sing it. I don't want the audience to think that I am back singing because I'm not - alas

Although the song's vocal range is limited, its impact is

Heather Matarazzo, who plays Mia's childhood friend Lilly in both films, says, "It is something that I will definitely share with my kids and grandkids."

Marshall adds, "Most of the crew, even the guys with tat-

toos, got a little teary there. Andrews also influenced her fellow cast members with

her acting skills. She taught Hathaway the Alexander Technique, a method of movement and alignment that helps people to use their bodies more efficiently to center them and prevent injury.

"I decided to give it a bit of a try," says Hathaway. "It changed my posture a bit, breathing and standing up straight and sort of focusing, centering on it. That really, really helped."

Kathleen Marshall, who plays royal assistant Charlotte, says that Andrews' precise diction had an improving effect

"You want to speak so succinctly and slowly because she has such a beautiful voice and hits every syllable, and so you want to rise up to that," says the director's daughter. It was an incredible exposure and lesson, just speaking beautifully.

In "Diaries 2," Queen Clarisse has a more active role than in the first film. In addition to instructing Mia on the finer points of being a monarch, Clarisse must contend with her own issues of responsibility versus romance. Her relationship with Joe (Hector Elizondo), the head of security, was only hinted at in the original "Diaries," but has deepened for the sequel, causing a queenly conflict of interest

Not all of her moments are about duty and difficult decisions, though. During Mia's slumber party, the girls are taking part in mattress surfing, a sport in which they glide down an indoor slide on minimattresses. Since this is a Genovian tradition, the Queen demonstrates her mastery by surfing while standing upright the whole trip down.

At age 68, even though her singing career is over, Andrews is still enjoying success in Hollywood. The actress stays optimistic and grounded, summing up her film career as simply, "I've been a queen. I've been a nanny. I've been a cross-dresser."

Photos and stories from wire reports

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51	ABCFAM	labeled a bad kiss- er. (CC)	Full House A stranger teaches Jesse a lesson.	pist; Cecilia's father her. (CC)	allows Simon to see	a former river guide	Wild" (1994, Suspen and her family hosta	ge.			Anyway? (CC)	The 700 Club Form Heather French Her	nry. (N) (CC)
53	HIST	Saints Preserved!		The Oracle of Delp vealed (CC)		Ancient Monster H		Tech Effect "Transcontinental Railroad" (N) (CC)	Mail Call Marine Corps marksman- ship training. (CC)	Wild West Tech 'Br brothels are a hotbe (CC)	ed of illegal activity.	Prostitution: Sex in the oldest profession ages. (CC)	on" throughout the
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60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Water balloon chal- lenge.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

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1:00 Home 1:30 ABC News 2:00 PBS NewsHo 3:00 CNN News 4:00 World News

5:00 CNN News 5:20 Republican National Convention

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Evening
6:00 Olympics: Highlights
11:00 BS News
11:00 Economic News
12:16 PGA Champions Tour: Jeldwen Tradi-

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## JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Akiko Nakajima (so-

prano)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1994): Roswell (1:35)
10:00 TV Series: Monk
12:50 Iranian Movie (1998): Mehre Madari
(1:30)

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Morning 6:30 Oswald No. 3 7:30 TV Series: Friends 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2:44) 11:20 TV Drama: The Red Phone: Mission 2

Afternoon 1:00 U.S. Movie (2001): America's Sweet-hearts (1:50)

3:00 Canadian-Spanish Movie (2003): My Life without Ne (1:54)
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6:00 Spanish Soccer Lipa Española (r)
8:00 TV Series: Third Watch
9:01 Speries: CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-

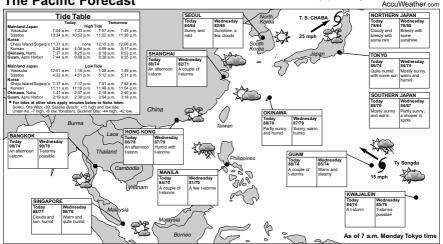
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10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Sweetest Thing
(1:26)
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12:00 U.S. Oper Tennis, 15 Day
3:00 French-U.S. Movie (2001): Just Visiting
(1:30)
4:40 U.S. Movie (2001): Collateral Damage
(1:50)

### MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Fresh Monday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music

### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high 82, low 71. Friday: Partly sunny, high 81, low 70.

#### KADENA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 79. Friday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 79,

#### SEOUL

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high 81, low 66. Friday: Partly sunny high 84, low 69.

#### MANILA

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 81, low 71. Friday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 71.

#### HAGATNA

high 89, low 77.

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 77 Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

#### Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/62	Los Angeles	84/64
Amarillo	88/62	Little Rock	86/63
Anchorage	68/49	Louisville	81/66
Asheville	83/63	Miami	93/78
Baltimore	91/71	Milwaukee	68/52
Birmingham	90/68	Nashville	82/66
Bismarck	79/49	New York	91/74
Boise	86/60	Omaha	82/58
Boston	88/70	Orlando	91/75
Brownsville	93/75	Philadelphia	91/72
Buffalo	81/61	Phoenix	107/82
Burlington	83/68	Pittsburgh	84/64
Charleston, St	C 81/72	Portland, OR	80/60
Charlotte	86/67	Portland, ME	76/66
Cleveland	77/60	Salt Lake City	
Columbus, OF		St. Louis	78/60
Duluth	62/51	San Antonio	91/74
El Paso	92/69	San Diego	76/66
Hartford	89/69	San Juan	90/78
Helena	78/51	Tampa	89/77
Indianapolis	76/58	Tulsa	89/61
Jacksonville	94/74	Washington	90/72
Kansas City	82/60	Wichita	88/62



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#### U.S. Extended Forecast Conditions will improve in the

Northeast on Tuesday as high pressure builds into the region. The tail end of the cold front that brought showers and thunderstorms to the region on Monday will slowly lift north on Tuesday and Wednesday. This will bring showers and thunderstorms from Tennessee south as tropical moisture returns. A powerful cold front will push out of the Rockies providing strong to possibly severe thunderstorms to the northern Plains on Thursday. A cool and wet weather pattern will set up over the Pacific Northwest, while the Southwest will remain mainly dry.

	Tues	day's Pacif	Tuesday's World Temperatures										
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/74	lwakuni	85/72	Sasebo NB	84/73	Acapulco	90/74	Budapest	75/45	Kabul	92/54	Nairobi	79/49
Beijing	84/66	Kadena AB	88/78	Sapporo	78/64	Athens	84/68	Buenos Aires	73/58	Kiev	81/62	New Delhi	99/82
Camp Casey	83/62	Kunsan AB	84/67	Seoul	84/64	Auckland	53/44	Cairo	94/67	Kuwait	115/81	Oslo	59/43
Christchurch	53/36	Kwajalein	84/74	Shanghai	88/74	Baghdad	112/73	Cancun	86/73	London	65/52	Paris	64/47
Diego Garcia	82/72	Manila	84/70	Singapore	88/77	Barbados	91/75	Cape Town	64/44	Madrid	90/66	Rio de Janeiro	71/59
Hagatna	88/74	Misawa AB	80/63	Sydney	63/34	Barcelona	71/60	Geneva	63/51	Mexico City	74/53	Rome	81/60
Hanoi	89/78	Osan	84/65	Taegu	84/67	Berlin	60/46	Istanbul	79/62	Montreal	76/60	St. Petersburg	76/60
Hong Kong	86/78	Perth	59/45	Taipei	89/75	Bermuda	88/77	Jerusalem	88/61	Mogadishu	85/71	Stockholm	65/48
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	82/70	Tokyo	86/74	Brussels	64/47	Johannesburg	75/50	Moscow	79/61	Warsaw	61/46



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## China, Japan on a collision course

n the rare occasions when Washington policy-makers glance at the East Asian radar screen these days, they don't see much beyond two potential flash points — North Korea and the Taiwan Strait. But by focusing exclusively on these clear and present dangers, they are missing a growing blip that has the potential to be just as great a threat to the region's stability - the re-emerging nationalist clash between East Asia's two biggest vers, China and Japan.

Even as their economies interlock ever more tightly, Japan and China find themselves on a collision course over issues ranging from territorial disputes to competition for natural resources to an arms race of sorts. The trend is doubly disturbing be-

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after vears of failed effort to set aside the bitter memory of Japan's 20th century conquests of China and other Asian neighbors in favor of building a common and prosperous regional future. It might not be too

cause it comes

much of an exaggeration to say that how these two Asian giants sort out their differences, and what role the United States plays in the process, could, as the Chinese Communist Party newspaper the People's Daily put it, "deter-mine the future of East Asia and even of the

world as a whole "

Earlier this month, a display of raw hostility by Chinese soccer fans toward the Japanese team at the Asian Cup finals in Beijing suggested that hopes for reconciliation may have been overly optimistic. The ugly scene of Chinese spectators shouting "Kill! Kill! Kill!" at the winning Japanese team and later pelting its bus with soda bottles was the latest of several recent anti-Japanese displays. In August 2003, the accidental unearthing of some poison gas canisters aban doned by Japanese Imperial forces during World War II killed a Chinese worker and injured dozens in Heilongjiang province.

Though Tokyo apologized, its meager

first offer of compensation triggered angry denunciations from the victims and their families, as well as top Chinese officials

Then in September came a media blitz over a "mass orgy" by 300 Japanese workers whose company had hired female "companions" to entertain them on a corporate holiday in southern China. The crowds of incouples" waiting for elevators in the hotel lobby angered Chinese guests, and news stories fueled outrage across the coun-

A month later, more anti-Japanese dem onstrations erupted in the streets of Xi'an after a university festival at which three Japanese exchange students performed a mildly obscene skit that was seen as making fun

chanting "Go home, Japanese pigs!" and vandalizing Japanese restaurants over subsequent days, local authorities had to round up Japanese students and cart them out of town for their own safety.

Though China and Japan re-established diplomatic ties in 1972, not long after Presi-dent Nixon's landmark visit to Beijing that opened China to the West, relations have never been harmonious. They spiraled downward in the mid-1990s after Japan's education ministry approved middle school history texts that China and other Asian countries saw as whitewashing atrocities committed by Japanese troops against their populations in the 1930s and '40s. Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who has personal memories of World War II Japanese atrocities, not only made sure that Chi-

children nese learned about them, but also them, but also never failed to tell Japanese visitors that they had better not forget "his torv.

to denigrate each other -Jiang's successor, Hu Jintao, or that there is serious who became Chifirst na's post-WWII-gener fallout on affairs of state. ation leader two

years ago, clearly wanted better relations with Tokyo. In December 2002, as he and Premier Wen Jiabao explored new avenues of diplomacy, Ma Licheng, a writer at the People's Daily, published a now-famous article expressing admiration for Japan's peaceful ascent to prosperity and arguing that the government's propensity for inciting anti-Japanese sentiment produced nothing positive for China

But that and other trial-balloon overtures from Beijing were shot down by the actions of Japan's maverick prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi. Despite objections from Beijing, Koizumi, who took office in April 2001, has made annual pilgrimages to sukuni the Shinto shrine that honors Japan's war dead, including 14 top WWII military leaders convicted and executed as "Class-A" war criminals. After his second visit to Yasukuni last year, Beijing disinvited him from a commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the peace and friendship treaty, and he has been persona non grata nce.

With such frigid relations at the top, it is no surprise that the Japanese and Chinese people feel it's OK to denigrate each other or that there is serious fallout on affairs of state. The two governments are engaged in an increasingly bitter dispute over a cluster of small islands midway between Okinawa and Taiwan, called the Senkakus by Japan and the Diaoyus by China. Though controlled by Japan for more than a century, they are still claimed by China

In June, China began drilling for natural gas a couple of miles west of Japan's "exclu-sive economic zone" demarcation line, near the islands Alarmed that the Chinese wells only protested, but launched a counter-exploration just east of the line. According to Japanese reports, the East China Sea is now dotted with Chinese navy and Japanese coast guard patrol boats that sometimes face off with each other.

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Although both nations side with the United States in the war against terrorism, this also has become a source of tension between them. Koizumi's decision to send a flotilla of tankers and destroyers to support the allied fleet deployed in range of Afghanistan, and his dispatch of 1,000 troops to provide noncombat support in Iraq, won praise from the Rush administration - but rang alarm bells in Beijing.

The Chinese government and media regularly denounce Japan's new activism as evi-dence of a revival of its pre-war militarism. Beijing is not totally off the mark. The terrorist threat and U.S. pleas for help have legitimized what an increasingly nationalist politi-cal establishment wanted to do anyway: remake Japan into a "normal country," with a full-fledged military and a will to use it.

Of course, the Chinese aren't exactly innocent when it comes to militarism. Beyond nuclear missiles and an air force of growing power. China now also plans to build a blue-water navy — one capable of operating outside coastal waters - and to create an arsenal of high-tech conventional weapons

Cynics may say the rivalry assures that a presence in the region will remain a welcome stabilizing force — and that it is therefore to Washington's advantage to keep the two nations quarreling. Without an active American effort to put relations back on track, though, Chinese and Japanese leaders may find it hard to deal with the rising nationalism in their respective countries, and the dark cloud it casts over their common future.

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served with John Kerry. Well, sorta. I never rode on a Swift

oat with him. Heck, I never heard of a Swift boat before this presidential campaign.

I wasn't in Vietnam with him. The closest I got to "in country" was an air base on Taiwan, where my unit provided logistical support for a facility that repaired fighter planes, some of which had flown the friendly skies of 'Nam.

We didn't wear the same uniform. Kerry was Navy; I was Air Force

But I served with Kerry. We were both in the military for a six-month period between July 1969, when I went on active duty, and January 1970, when he was discharged from active duty.

A lot of guys my age - give or take a few years - can say truthfully, accurately, but oh so misleadingly, "I served with John Kerry," thereby gilding their subsequent statements with a patina of undeserved credibility.

My claim to having served with Kerry is misleading in the ex-

Similar claims by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth are misleading in

less extreme, but misleading still None of them served on Kerry's boat, although their ads suggest that they did. In varying degrees, these guys served with him in a broader sense, some in other Swift boats, some up the chain of command

They tell one version of Kerry's Vietnam service. The guys who were actually in Kerry's boat tell a completely different version

Who are we to believe? Well. now that we know Swift Boat Veterans for Truth is largely funded by a rich Texan who, along with his wife, gave \$3 million to Texas Renublicans during the 2002 elections, that seems an easy call to

Making it easier still is the fact that these veterans are getting caught in the tangled web of their own deceit.

Larry Thurlow, another swift boat commander, has claimed Kerry didn't deserve his Bronze Star and third Purple Heart because he wasn't under enemy fire when he pulled an Army lieutenant out of the river and into his boat. But The Washington Post recently reported that Thurlow won his own Bronze Star for courage under fire in the same incident.

Oops! "I know John Kerry is lying about his first Purple Heart because I treated him for that iniury." Louis Letson claims in the attack ad.

But FactCheck.org, a nonpartisan nonprofit that "truth squads" nolitical claims and ads across the spectrum, says medical records do not list Letson as the person who treated Kerry's injury

Oops! Then there is George Elliott, the retired Navy captain who recommended Kerry for a Silver Star. Elliott recently told The Boston Globe that he made "a terrible mistake" by suggesting in a recent affidavit that Kerry hadn't told him the truth about the incident that led to Kerry killing an enemy

soldier and earning a Silver Star. "I'm the one in trouble here. ... I knew it (the affidavit) was wrong," Elliott is quoted as saving. Then, a few days later he recanted his recant, signing a second affidavit that once again supported the ad.

Oops! While all these "Oopses" show clearly whose honesty and truthfulness really is in question (and it's not Kerry's), they do not speak to another central premise of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth's attack ads: that Kerry betrayed veterans of Vietnam and his on by becoming a vocal opponent of the war after leaving the

As I made clear earlier. I am not a Vietnam veteran. I am a veteran of the Vietnam era. Kerry did not betray me. And I think that some of the Vietnam veterans I've known, while I was in the service and afterward, would say that he did not betray them, either.

When I made my commitment to the Air Force as a 20-year-old



college student in 1967, I support ed the war in Vietnam. Wh went on active duty in 1969. I sunported the war. By the time I left the Air Force a

few years later, I no longer supported the war. I supported the troops who were fighting it, as Kerry did, and I support them as veterans today, as Kerry does.

But the events that occurred during my years of service and the knowledge I gained from those events led me to believe that the self was wrong still hold

I also believe I have that in com mon with many veterans of that era who came to question, if not the reason for the war, at least its Kerry was one of those, one who

showed his courage in battle and came home to demonstrate anoth er kind of courage - the courage to stand up and tell his country it was following the wrong course.

Call him liberal. Call him a flip-flopper. Call him unfit to be president. But don't call him traitor. What he did was the act of a true patriot.

## Thanks to Allies in 1944, we'll always have Paris

BY RACHEL SPREIREGEN

t was 60 years ago this month, in Paris. I had been waiting a long time for this moment, when I would finally see the enemy in defeat. Allow me now on this anniversary to be

one voice for those who brought us our liberation that day I was a 17-year-old Jewish girl who had

been hiding under an assumed name with forged identity papers in the Pigalle district of Paris. I'd been waiting since 1940, when France fell, since 1941, when the Germans came for my father, since 1943, when my 13-year-old sister and I - sole survivors of our family - had to abandon our home and go into hiding. I was marking time, focused on one great expectation: deliverance. Hope was kept alive with "Les Français

Parlent aux Français," the voice of De Gaulle's Free France broadcast from London. In the spring of 1944, the cryptic radio messages to resistance groups proliferated, unintelligible to us but obviously instruc tions to various networks operating in France, indicating increased activity and raising expectations. Something was in the

There were skeptics, in Paris and elsewhere. For me, and others like me, skepticism was impossible. We were caught in a deadly race between those who would find us out and send us to the death camps and those who carried with them our hopes for life - the Allied soldiers

Then, early one morning, the wait was over. Hurried footsteps on the stairs, and the maid of the small hotel where I had sought refuge came running down the narrow corridor, pounding at every door, announcing breathlessly, "Ils ont debarque"! Ils ont de-"They have landed! They have baraue'!' landed!

The news struck like a thunderbolt. And vet all the joy welling up within us had to be contained. The Kommandantur (headquarters of the German military command of oc-cupied France) seemed to think we were being good: The midnight curfew was extended to 1 a.m. for this one day

In mid-August, as Allied troops neared the city of Paris rose. It was in a state of siege. The German garrison had been clearing out for days, leaving behind a beleaguered high command that no longer was in command. But no one knew when the end would come - or when we would be safe Then one night church bells were set ringing, not in alarm but in triumph, the opening salvo of the liberation. A small detachment of Gen. Philippe Leclerc's Free French troops had entered Paris and was encamped at the Hotel de Ville, home of the municipal authorities, only a stone's throw from Notre

Paris was liberated the next day. I walked down deserted streets to the Place de l'Opera, eager to see what was happening, and by chance was near the Kommandantur when a contingent of Free French troops arrived. There was a brief firefight, and then it happened: the surrender of the German command. Parisians began emerging from buildings. The crowd was still sparse but we formed a chain, linked hands and spontaneously burst into "La Marseillaise." German officers, hatless, hands in the air,

marched down Avenue de l'Opera. The nightmare was over.

I was awed at the magnitude of the event I was witnessing. The German war machine was not invincible after all and for me it was the men of D-Day who had driven the point home. It was to them that I owed my freedom and my life.

Fifty years later, at Omaha Beach, on the

bluff overlooking the stretch of sand where the GIs had come ashore. I remembered D-Day. At the breathtaking military ceme-tery of Colleville-sur-Mer, where so many are interred, I had come to honor the men who a half-century earlier, on that day and at that very spot, had brought liberation to my country and to me. Few are left of these once-ordinary/extraordinary young men. They are dying every day, but for me they belong among the immortals. They came in peril of their lives and saved Europe

Sixty years ago they marched down the Champs Elysees in an awesome parade of citizen-soldiers, shoulder to shoulder, filling the broad expanse of the avenue. The pass ing years have only intensified the emotion I felt as a young girl that August, and the gratitude to those who saved our future.

Rachel Spreiregen, who lives in a suburb of Chicago, is writing a memoir on her years in France before and during the German occupation. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

#### Mallard Fillmore

THIS JUST IN. PEODLE WHO CONSERVATIVE PRO-LIFE DEMOCRATS AREN'T ALLOWED REDIBLICANS, HAVE FORMED A TO SPEAK AT THEIR OWN PARTIES to CREATE COALITION ... A NEW CONVENTIONS:

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#### Pet abuser gets time

PA LEVITTOWN — A man who set his kitten on fire and threw it off the balcony of his apartment has been sentenced to six to 23 months in prison.

Daniel Culligan, 28, of Bristol Township, was sentenced after pleading guilty in June to arson and cruelty to animals.

Police said Culligan admitted spray-

gain admitted sprays ing lighter fluid on the 9-month-old kitten's back Dec. 13, then setting it on fire and tossing it off his apartment balcony. The cat had to be euthanized that night.

Police said Culligan had said he was "frustrated" after the pet defecated on the floor and scratched his son. Culligan was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$222 in restitution to the animal hospital that euthanized the kitten.

#### **Expensive country ham**

LOUISVILLE — If you stuck the silver-plattered ham they auctioned here in the supermarket deli case and put a price-per-pound sign in it, it would read \$4,166.66.

Of course, it was no ordinary

of course, it was no ordinary slab of pig meat that was being paraded around by Miss Kentucky at the Kentucky Farm Bureau's traditional country ham breakfast.

This ham was grand champion of the Kentucky State Fair, and the \$60,000 bid it brought from Republic Bank & Trust was evidence of just how seriously Kentuckians take their country ham.

The sale of the 14.4-pound ham was preceded by speeches from the governor and a U.S. senator.

The winning bidder, Republic Bank chairman and founder Bernard Trager, said he was willing to pay "whatever it took" to walk away with the salty, cured meat.

#### 'Boring, bland' marriage

MO INDEPENDENCE — Single life was Boring, and married life will be Bland for this new bride.

Katie Boring wed Nathan Bland

June 12. And the Boring-Bland affair was

anything but, said the groom.

After the announcement of their engagement was published last

engagement was published last winter, the impending "Boring-Bland" merger was mentioned on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," in a segment where the comedian calls attention to unusual name combinations. Bland, out of town on business.

Bland, out of town on business, was flipping channels in his hotel room when he saw it.

Some friends had joked about sending the engagement notice to Leno, but nobody took credit once it actually made the show.

The bride figures that over the years she's probably had a worse time over her name than her husband has.

#### Pooch hits the road

NE WAVERLY — It was a ruff ride for the hitchhiker who traveled 85 miles on the back of a semitrailer truck in pouring rain, state troopers said. Before being rescued, he was

shaggy, sopping wet and wearing only a flea collar. A motorist on Interstate 80 re-

A motorist on Interstate 80 reported seeing a dog on the truck, troopers said.

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The driver said the mixed-breed shepherd must have hitched a ride when he stopped in Sutton, 130 miles from the driver's final destination Omaha.

miles from the driver's final destination, Omaha.

Troopers called around to local police and sheriff's offices, but so far they haven't found anyone miss-

For now, the dog has found temporary lodging.

#### Votes are not for sale

ing a dog.

ELYRIA — James Pengov thought selling his vote would help get him out of debt. Instead it landed him in trouble with the law.

It took authorities 12 hours to hear about and stop Pengov's eBay offer of a "Presidential Vote for Sale," with a starting bid of \$50.

The 36-year-old said he was hoping to land enough money from selling his vote to pay medical bills. Pengov said he didn't know that selling a vote was illegal.

The fraud unit of the California secretary of state's office, which has been alerted to votes for sale on eBay in previous elections, came across the posting and notified Ohio authorities.

Pengov told buyers he generally votes Republican, but expressed dissatisfaction with both parties.

#### Man stabs alligator

FL GAINESVILLE — A man jumped in a pond and



Jumping for joy
Brenda Cano, 6, cools off in a
water fountain at Concourse Park
in Kansas City, Mo. Temperatures
reached into the 90s with the heat
index at 100 degrees.

stabbed a 6-foot alligator with a pocketknife to force the reptile to release his dog from its jaws. Matthew Goff. 29, said

he was walking Sugar, a tan-colored bloodhound/Shar-Pei mix, in a park when the attack occurred. The unleashed dog wandered to the edge of the pond and the gator grabbed its head.

"I couldn't stand by and watch it happen and I had the pocketknife so I decided to try and save her," Goff said.

The gator released Sugar when Goff stabbed the reptile in the eye. The dog then ran home, escaping with three teeth marks on and about her head. Goff had a few

scratches.

A state trapper planned to kill the gator if it's found.

#### Charged with harassment

MINEOLA — A Long Island man was arraigned on charges he made hundreds of threatening and sexually suggestive telephone calls to female reporters and anchors at a cable television news station over the last eight years.

Carmen Monaco Jr., 48, who worked at a trucking company, allegedly left lewd messages and threats at News 12 Long Island, said Nassau County Police Det. Lt. Steven Skrynecki.

Monaco was charged with three mounts of third-degree stalking and eight counts of second-degree aggravated harassment. Bail was set at \$105,000 and he was ordered not to have contact with the station or its reporters, said Katte Grill-Robles, spokeswoman at the district attorney's office.

#### Concern for orcas

WA SEATTLE — Fire retardants used worldwide in manufacturing vehicle parts and computers have been found in Puget Sound orcas, raising new concerns about the long-term health of the region's killer whales, a new Canadian study shows.

Canadian fisheries scientists found that killer whales they tested had troubling levels of polybrominated diphenyl ethers or PBDEs, chemicals related to PCBs, a carcinogen banned decades ago.

The findings come as the state Ecology Department prepares recommendations for curtailing the use of PBDEs in Washington, following an executive order Gov. Gary Locke issued in January.

#### Rude awakening

WASHINGTON — Capital residents opened their morning newspaper to find photos of Laurie Coleman, wife of Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, dressed in lingerie and a cocktail dress.

The Washington Post headline: 'Senator's Wife Reveals Almost

A victim of the paparazzi? Hardlv.

Coleman's Los Angeles publicist said he pitched the Style section layout to promote Laurie Coleman's acting and modeling career. She currently is a spokeswoman for a women's clothing line on ShopNBC, a 24-hour TV shopping network.



Trouble brewing Storm clouds form over a farm southeast of Lidderdale, towa. The northern half of Carroll County had been placed in a tornado warning by the National Weather Service, although no tornado was ever spotted, nor was any damage reported.



Spoonbill in flight A rosette spoonbill takes flight after feeding its young on a branch of a cypress tree in Lake Martin in St. Martin Parish, La.



Just one more coat ... Boguslaw Karbarz, a painter for US Tank Painting Inc. based in Hillside, N.J., walks along the crown of the water tank in the Carman section of Rotterdam, N.Y.



Row your boat

Participants in the 2004 Ford Canoe Challenge paddle their way down the San Antonio River near the Casa Rio restaurant in San Antonio.



Soothing waters

Elephant keeper Mary Wulff keeps the attention of Wanda, an arthritic Asian elephant that is undergoing a whirlpool bath at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Mich.



Squeaky clean

Ben Minton, with Clearview Window Cleaning, works through periodic rain showers to clean windows on the Lexington Chamber of Commerce building at the corner of Rose and East Main streets in Lexington, Ky.



Friendship circle

Members of a youth soccer team conclude a recent practice session by inining hands for a team run in Kenosha. Wis.

#### Arts center shuts down

PA PITTSBURGH — The Pitts-burgh Center for the Arts, an art gallery and school founded in 1945, has suspended operations because it's about \$1 million in debt, officials said. All 13 staff members were laid off, said Catherine Kraus, president of the center's board.

Contributions from local foundations have dropped between 20 percent and 25 percent at a time when all local arts groups are seeking grants from the same pool of money, Kraus said.

#### Health care shuffle

GA ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue proposed a plan to shift 1 million Medicaid recipients in Georgia into private-sector, managed health care programs beginning in 2006. The state would solicit bids from care management organizations to provide Medicaid-covered health benefits in specific regions. Georgia spends about \$2 billion a year on Medicaid

#### Hermes takes off

CA SAN FRANCISCO — After a 30-year rest, Hermes has taken flight again.

The bronze statue "Resting Hermes," a remnant of the 1915 Pana-ma Pacific International Exposition that was stolen in the 1970s and quickly returned, disappeared in the dead of night from its base outside the posh University Club.

Thieves pried 300-plus-pound statue off its soapstone pedestaland took off with the wing-footed Greek god of messengers, who had a reputation for thievery and a thirst for adven-

"My gut tells me that the crooks pulled up in a pickup truck, loosened the statue with a crowbar. then threw it in the back of the truck and drove off," said Deke Kastner, general manager and chief operating officer of the club. "If it was one guy, then I wouldn't want to meet him in a dark alley. Hermes is heavy.

The club is offering a \$1,000 reward for Hermes' safe return, no questions asked

#### Magic the giraffe dies

TN KNOXVILLE — Magic, the Knoxville Zoo's giraffe that fathered 16 calves and had a long-running feud with a park zebra named PJ, has died.

Zookeepers found 17-year-old animal dead in his stall over the weekend zoo Executive Director Jim Vlna said. The cause of death was not immediately known. Vlna said preliminary tests indicate a possible internal infection

#### **Buried treasure**

ME CORINNA — A Corinna man was being sought by police in connection with the seizure of nearly eight pounds of cocaine found buried in the back yard of his grandmother's home, authorities said.

Jason Belmer, 25, ran into the woods after the cocaine was seized, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency said. The find was described as one of the state's largest cocaine seizures, with an estimated street value of as much as \$380,000

After agents had been tipped off about Belmer's alleged drug dealing, authorities searched the home of his grandmother, Jeanne Rogers. The drugs were found wrapped in plastic and buried in the yard beneath a shed, the agency said.

#### Dali museum packs heat

FL ST. PETERSBURG — The Salvador Dali Museum is making a bold response to the recent theft of Edvard Munch's "The Scream" from the Munch Museum in Oslo. Norway.

"We've hired armed, off-duty law-enforcement officers," said Hank Hine, director of the Dali, which draws about 200 000 visitors annually.

It's an unorthodox move in the world of fine-arts museums, where unarmed guards are the norm.

#### Unauthorized withdrawal

SOUTH OGDEN — Za-chary Hayden liked the car so much, he only needed to stop at the bank to get some money.

The problem is, police said, he

didn't have an account there. Authorities said Hayden, 31, of

Warsaw, Ind., robbed the Wells Fargo Bank after test driving a Ford Escort from the Good-One Auto Sales and then using the car for his getaway. "He didn't seem different from

other customers," said Trent Good-win, a car salesman. "He walked here, but a lot of our customers do

Goodwin sent another employee along with Hayden when he said he needed to withdraw the money to buy the vehicle.

While Hayden was inside the Wells Fargo, the employee got out of the car to help a woman with directions. Just then, Hayden allegedly ran out of the bank and fled in the car, leaving the employee be-

More than six hours after the robbery, Nevada Highway Patrol pulled the car over near Ely, Nev., about 200 miles southwest of South Orden It still had the white lettering of \$1,895 on the window and displayed dealer license plates.

#### Call saves woman's life

OH SUMMERFORD woman says her life was likely saved when she answered a hang-up phone call. Mary Dhume was watching tele-

vision when the phone in the next room rang. She got up to answer it, but there was no one at the other end of the line.

Suddenly, she heard breaking glass and saw her living room wall collapse onto the chair where she'd been sitting.

A pickup truck had missed the curve on the road in front of Dhume's home and smashed into the century-old house. Dhume said she saw the driver run away as she dialed 911.

Three hours later, State High way Patrol troopers arrested Carlos Cummings, 41, of Mechanicsburg, on a charge of failing to control a vehicle.

"The phone ringing at that particular time? That's one of those things people would never believe," Dhume said. "Maybe it was God calling to tell me to get out of my living room."

Stories and photos from wire services

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Joyce Jillson

## Horoscope

Venus blows kisses to Saturn as it passes. Personal growth will be tested, especially in regard to the way we behave in our

closest relationships. There's a chance to check yourself - are you really over that thing you said you were over? A review of past lessons in love could reveal a pattern that is still being perpetuated.

#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (August 31). Even though you feel you know yourself well, you'll deepen your

knowledge this year and enable yourself to make choices that lead to your immediate

Your career takes off this fall, and finances improve, too. Your personal life gives you power in November Let go of ties that require too much effort. Love signs are Aries and Taurus

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're ready to get current or even futuristic about the way you do business. Abandon antiquated ideas and outdated methods for the modern, streamlined and efficient, Aquarius and Gemini are your technological allies

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You'll not only know exactly how you feel; you'll also have the courage to act on a romantic impulse. Instead of trying to get all your needs met in one place, seek multiple sources of friendship and encouragement.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're driven to attract new busi ness - financial goals are looming. and you're eager to meet them! This is done most effectively through the principle of attraction. An environment that is functional and aesthetic wins clients

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The stars give you a sense of accomplishment as an individual who is part of the whole today. Work with others to attain your goals. Much happens in a small group setting and you naturally assume the leader ship role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The secret to happiness is no secret at all. You'll feel happy and complete whenever you choose to feel that way. Relationships become more solid when you live by this principle. Tonight, you'll be in a precarious social situation.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've known yourself all these

vears, but you still have much to learn about your own complex character. Financial speculations are right on the money invest confidently. If you refuse to compromise. you can get your way

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You attract fans! Family members want to lend you more support but are waiting

for your cue. You're so well thought of now that you may be patted on the back for something you didn't do. You and a newcomer have chemistry

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling sassy and have the attitude that you just don't care what people think. This allows you to ask for things you don't even want and certainly things that you do. Negoti-

ate your way into prosperity and fun SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes, the only mature way to handle serious matters is to laugh out loud. The stars support a big belly laugh this afternoon. When you see the humor in the situation.

#### others will, too CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Seeing the same people and scenery day in and day out will wear on you, Luckily, it's not difficult to add dimension to your life. If you're using your creativity, your achieve ments will be satisfying on many levels

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether it's joy or sadness, you'll feel it fully, deeply, madly. Be on the lookout for energy vampires, and don't let them near. Emotions are too easily manipulated under these

skies. It's also easy to help some-PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel a bit restless, striving

#### for progress in all things. Relax. Balance is the key to moving forward. By just being, you are enough. Accomplishments happen naturally when you believe you are entitled to abundance

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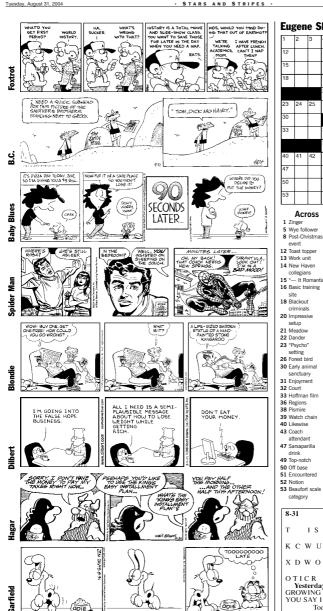












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OTICR "YLC VTVCW PLTAMC." Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M VERY GOOD AT GROWING WHEAT AND BARLEY, SO WOULD YOU SAY I HAVE A GRAIN THUMB?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals P

## Travel lifestyle not for everyone

Dear Abby: I usually think your advice is pretty good, but your answer to "Homebody in Norfolk, Va.," who didn't want to travel with her husband, was way off. If she doesn't like to travel, she shouldn't be forced to just because that's what her husband wants. She has every Dear Abby

right to live her life the way she wishes, and not be coerced to do some thing she doesn't like just

because she's married Travel is not pleasurable to everyone. Flying is a big pain in the but and can even be harmful to a person's health if he or she is susceptible to

deep-vein thrombosis. You should have recommended instead a session or two of counseling so both parties can get their feelings out in the presence of a neutral party. Maybe then the husband will be more accepting of his wife's preferences.

- M.M. in Kingston, N.Y. Dear M.M.: Although I didn' intend to be, you are not the only reader who felt my reaction to

"Homebody's" problem was harsh. Read on:

Dear Abby: You are usually sensitive to problems and concerns, yet you assume that "Homebody" simply refuses to

go. I sometimes become panicked just going on errands, out of town. etc. To go to faraway lands promotes whole

My advice would be for "Homebody" to explain to her husband why she doesn't want to go, and then reach a compromise. If he really wants to spend time with her, I'm sure he won't care where they go. Perhaps they

could find a destination that both of them would be happy with.

- Staying Put in Texas Dear Staying Put: Although I am all for compromise, I suspect compromise might be difficult for someone who hungers to visit the game parks in Africa, ride a gondola on the canals in Venice

carefully:

Since your problem is fears and panic, please read the next letter

Dear Abby: I. too, was a homebody. Now I am divorced.

ent to very few restaurants, complained about traffic and crowds, attended no concerts or movies. After nine years of putting up with my phobia, my wife divorced me. I attempted to save our marriage by seeking help from my doctor. He prescribed medication that saved me from

becoming a hermit. Please urge "Homebody" to consult her doctor.

- Bob in Indiana Dear Bob: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. I'm

glad to know that you received effective help for your problem and are doing better.

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## **Grown sibling steals from parents**

Dear Annie: Lam one of five adult siblings. The four oldest of us are married, with families and good jobs. The youngest sibling, "Lon," still lives at home with our elderly parents. We jokingly refer to his basement bedroom as his hidev-hole

Lon has no job, no job prospects and no desire to get a job. We've had plenty of discussions in which Lon has been strongly encouraged to get out of our parents' home, to no avail

It has recently come to my attention that Lon is using my parents' credit cards to make online purchases. He does this in the presence of my teenage children, who are then instructed not to tell Grandma. The packages come in the mail, and my brother sneaks them off to his hidey-hole

I have two problems with this

Annie's Mailbox

First, my brother is blatantly stealing from

my parents. And second, my children are being asked to lie to me and to their grandma. I have approached Lon and told him that my children will no longer be allowed at their grandparents' house

unless I am with them. I let him know it was his responsibility to explain this

to my parents. He has yet to do so.

My children used to visit my parents daily, but not anymore. Mom has started to question me about why her grandchildren

aren't coming around. To make matters worse, my father is literally on his death-

My mother is taking care of him during his final days with the assistance of hospice nurs-

es. I don't want to dump this on her

Any advice on how to handle this sensitive issue?

- Concerned in Washington

Dear Concerned: You are inadvertently punishing your parents by keeping the children away, and it will not stop Lon from stealing, nor will it force him to come clean.

Let the kids back in the house and instruct them not to cover for their uncle. Then discuss the situation with your siblings so they will back you up.

Inform Lon the party's over, and when Mom is in a better position to cope, you will tell her exactly what's going on, Let's hope he takes this opportunity to clean up his act.

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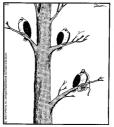


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boxes. \$120 for both the stroller

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Please call 632 3499 or cell 9997898384.

Okinawa - Infant girls bed set for sale. Bumper, dust ruffle, comforter, sheets, and diaper hanger. Sweet as a daisy theme, paid 300.00 4 months ago, and was never slept on. Want to change theme in her room. Asking 150.00 OBO.646-4436

Bicycles

Yokosuka - 3 FreeAgent BXX blass, 2 AlrRaids, 1 Traildustor, Traildust

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Kadona, Okinawa - 2 Girls mountain bikes hardly used. Huffy marine and Magna Night hawk both 71 inch, halogen light and bell front, reflectors front and back, water holders with bottle. Asking \$40 each. Call mindbodyspirit03@aol.com

Kadena, Oknawa - Huffy: main girls mountain bike 17 Inches, Halogen light front, reflectors back and front, water bottle frame, hardly used! Paid \$110, Asking \$40.00. Call 633-8044 or e m a i | mindbodyspirk03@aol.com

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Foster, Okinawa - 24 ft boat with cuddy oabin with 1159p Evin-cude, VHF radio, fish finder, rod-holders, ball tankigame tank, and more. Trailer and spot at Kadena Marina, great boat for Scuba, fishing or just taking the family out. \$8,000,00. Call Matt at 645-5396 or email Diverman2149 act occur. Ulverman21@aol.com.

Kadena, Okinawa - Last kayak left, \$500.00 package include paddle 7 vest. Very good condition, fish and dive, great for out-of-reach dive spots or deep-rishing apart from cross. Call Jay or Christine at 633-2391 or 632-7068.

Book Stores

Attagi, Japan - English teaching books. CID, casseriles, card, and games for children to adults. New and used with tots of teaching information, and ex-tending the commentation and ex-plied to the commentation of the page 61x sysporm.e.jp. Kadena, Okinama - HRMN 300: Seiling Human resource man-agement 10th edition for \$40,00. Authors Mathe and Jackson 63 63 2-30 80 or em all countrept 25 yelloo.com

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Book Stores 250 Yokota, Japan - College books CMST 385, Internet and learn-ing Web design, both for \$30.00 Call 227-8346.

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Foster, Okinawa - Maternity clothes sizes small & large, name brand (Motherhood, Gap, etc) & in great condition. \$1.00 to 7.00 average price. Call Becky at 646-6858 (Leave massa g e) o r e - m a li rebbeckahmichael77 # hotmall.

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\$80.00; black with write lace around bust long formal - size 7-8, \$40.00; silver slik Ann Taylor semiformal - size 8, \$40.00. Call 633-0991 or e-mail wbrandonpratt@yahoo.com for

Dictures.

Okinawa - Must get rid of. Tons of clothes. sizes 9-14.Some Jr's some womens. All in great condition. Don't fit anymore. Take all for 75.00 or pick and choose.646-4436 Yokota - For Sale. AF mens mess dress sz 43R & 32R for pants, includes shirt & bowtie \$150.00 call 227-3494

Yokosuka: Sports Cards, sin-gles, rookies, packs, sets, Leb-ron, Jordan, Game Used, Autos. Call Tim 241-4167 email poglboy975@hotmail.com Computers

Kadena, Okinawa - IBM Laptop think pad 600: large 4.3GB HD, P11, 233 MHZ, fast 64MB RAM, 256K Cache, DVD Drive, USB, windows ME. MS Office loaded. All these for \$495.00. Call 633-6759.

Furniture 510

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Furniture 510

Kadena, Okinawa - Entertair-ment cabinet: Souder wood-working, cak color, large size 78 inches fall X 75 inches wide. Fully assembled will fit a TV 28 inch wide X 22 inches 174, very solid and heavy, \$150 cnly. Call 63 3 - 64 41 or e m a II emeraldscents@yahoo.com for ave3navy@hotmail.com for pic-tures.

Kadena, Okinawa - DVD player works great, missing remote control \$50.00 OBO. HP: 633-6120 or email: rgarda756@gimail.at.mil

emeraldscents@yahoo.com for pictures. Kadena, Okinawa - Entertain-ment center light oak, fits 32° TV, has glass cabinets, shelves and cabinets underneath for storage. Great shape \$30.00 OBO: Call Nicole at 632-3107. OBO. Call Nicole at 632-3107.

Kadena, Okinawa - Hand carved teak wood (Gold color) mirror and half moon table. Bought in Indonesia. Beautiful design. Asking \$375.00. Please call 632-3512. S33-6441 (evening)
Kadena, Okinawa - Toshiba 34\*
TV with remote, Bought back in tor \$400,00. Only one a half year old and still in perfect condition. Call me at 633-3488, A&k for Tony.
Kadena, Okinawa - Two 19 inch. Television Zenith: One with remote \$40.00, and One without remote \$40.00, and One without \$337-7441.
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Kadena, Okinawa - Mama sar chair for sale. Includes footstoo and cushions. Good condition \$30.00. Call 633-5387. Kadena, Okinawa - Queen size pillow top mattress and box springs, and bed frame, good condition, \$250.00. Call

condition, \$250.00. Cal 633-6242. Kadena, Okinawa - Red meta twin with full bunk bed frame (no mattresses) \$25.00 OBO. Tod dler bed with mattress \$25.00 Call Daria 633-0557 Call Daria 633-0557
Kadena, Okinawa - Solid oak
dining room table and 6 chairs.
Table has leaf in the middle;
chairs are 2 armchairs and 4
regular. \$450 at the foster
turniture store, yours for only
\$250.00. Call 633-3779.

Kadena, Okinawa - Step-tansu:
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Kadena, Okinawa - TV Stand with 3 drawers on the bottom 5'(H) x3' (W) x2' (L). \$25.00 OBO. Call 633-2000. Kadena, Okinawa - Two chains that fold out to a bed, great for a spare bedroom with barracks room. \$20 each or \$30 for both of them. Call 633-6242.

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Okinawa - Curtains: \$25 pe window. Maximum coverage i

Atsugi, Japan - For Salel Nintendo 64 with some games included, \$40.00; Super Ninten-do with some games included \$40.00; and AFN Disc for \$40.00. Call Steve at 264-9021 or 6612 Foster, Okinawa - 27 inches TV with s-video and RCA jacks. Louis Clarkers Antique Marchael Antique Marchael Clarkers Antique Marchael Clarkers Antique Marchael Clarkers Antique Marchael Clarkers and chary Industrial Clarkers and chary Industrial Clarkers and chary Marchael Clarkers Antique Marchaer Antique Marchael Clarkers Antique Marchael Clarkers Antique Mar

Kadena - Shiba male needs loving and playful family. Great with children. Asking \$300 or best offer. Please call Ami at home - 633-3009 or cell 090-9785-5191

Jobs Offered 360

Home Electronics 570

Kadena, Okinawa - Old His Master's Voice" Radio HMV 1121 from 1950 with original repair manual/schematics and spare valves. Not lin working order at this time but great restoration project, \$200.00 OBO. Please call only if serious: 633-6441 (evening)

7687006 933.7041.

Kinser, Okinawa - Kenwood 5 plece surround sound system with speaker stands, \$50.00.

Contact Essence or Dominique at 637.3839 or email domandessence@hotmail.com

Osan - Russian Television satel-life dish/receiver. One time payment of \$500.00. obc. About 10 Russian speaking channels. No monthly fee. Will help set it up if you live in Songtan. Call Jim 018-870-1089

PT. Pediatric Occupationa Therapist. Call 738-4422

Recreations Specialist (Youth Activities) NF-0188-03, RFT, MWR Chinhae, Korea, College Degree required. Forward re-sume to shoda@cfac.onfk.navy. mll or visit www.mwv.navy.mll

Foster, Okinawa - I lost my pampered chef sign during this recent tropical storm. If anyone found the sign please call 646-8883 or e mail pamperingthechefnu@yahoo.com

year old boy. Call 637-4469.

needs to be snarpened but other never any problem. Asking \$50.00. Call Jason at 646-6187.

Okinawa - PSC Sale! Everything must go. I have movies, bys, boys clothes, women's and men's clothes, pictures frames, 20 gallon fish bank with everything etc...l also have an entire set of female regular and maternity USMC service uniforms-take all for \$360 call Theresa 646-2547

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Selling for \$100.00. Com\$33.2482 Kadena, Okinawa - Weider 8510
Home Gym: Like new condition.
Only used a few times. Selling to make room in our home. \$100.00. Call Brian or Stephanie at 633-1745 or email ar m s tr o n g \_\_\_\_\_\_brian2003@yahoo.com

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Jobs Offered

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Kadena, Okinawa - De



Mediatti Broadband Communications Is seeking a project manager for its Okinawa Cable TV and internet operations

The ideal candidate will be responsible for coordinating resources over approved projects; reviewing project proposals and determining their impact on scheduling and resources concerning construction personnel; tracking progress and ensuring projects are on time and budget; material inventory; site surveys; overseeing selection and requisition of materials; liaising with consultants and/or subcontractors: and managing vehicle maintenance and inspections Applicants must be SOFA eligible.

If you believe you are our candidate. send your resume to: MBCSales@mediatti.com

(send as attachment in MSWord format only) Or deliver to Bldg. 403, Kadena Air Base 820 Miscellaneous 1040

Okinawa - FTGH- Oki-mb female dog. Has up to date shots, spades and has micro chip. Great with children. Please call 632-3590 Coutney, Okinawa - 2000 watts transformer, \$80.00 each, 3 available, Call 622-5304. Okinawa Japan: Free to good him. 15 week old beagle old mix. very good and playful with kids and good with other pets. Kennel and Leash are free, please call 622-5330 if you are

Foster, Okinawa - Yoga for inflexible people DVD \$10.00 brand-new condition. Only viewed once. Read rave reviews on amazon.com Call 646-5837.

Kadena, Okinawa - (1) 2000 walts Transformer Tora pack converts 100 to 120 volts. Better than 2000 walts transformer available in the PX for \$150,00. Comes with 4 individual plugs. Yellow color with carrying han-dle, like new for \$80,00. Call 633-8211 or 090-6861-1910.

3-pampered chef tood choppers Brand new, never been opened I will sell to you for a discount \$25 each. Call Stephanie a 633-2190.

Kadena, Okinawa - Suzuk generator, super quiet and port able, purchased for emergency typhoon power, but never noe-ded it so it has never beer started. The original price was \$870.00, will sell it for \$495.00 Call 633-6242. House for Sale. Leasehold, single family home in Akebono, Ishikawa City. Okinawa --

Tokyo - Wanted: Tennis partner female, intermediate to ad-vance, to play at the Embassy Housing Compound in Tokyo Any day/time OK. Email

Kinser, Okinawa - Solid wood child's Airplane Rocker. Bought at Kadena Bazaar. Made in Thailand. \$50.00. Call Gary at 646-5120 or email havunen@oasis.mediatti.net Yokota - Swivel rocker, \$75.00; cherry curio cabinet, \$170.00; armoire, fits 27-inch TV, \$50.00; CD storage tower, \$15.00; child's vanily and chair, \$10.00. Call 227-6035.

Foster, Okinowa - Unisen "Blade Runner" - Roller blades, PRO S000 ABT (Active brake technol-cyy) size 7 in excellent condi-liston, used maybe 3 times, used maybe 3 times, used maybe 3 times, small elimonatal @hofmall.com Kadena, (Diknawa - 1-Surfboard for sale: Two 72° and one 68° \$200-\$300. Call Mike 633°122. Kadena, Okinawa - TUSA mask fins & sonokal 3 dives only. Selling for \$100.00. Call \$33-2482

rongsan Korea: 20 In Color TV barely Used \$65 OBO, Ashley Brand Calx Color Lifting Cocktal Table \$50 OBO, Two Oak Color Lamp Tables with Lamps \$30 for both OBO, One Oak Colored 6 Ft five Shelf Booksas \$25 OBO, Light Oak Colored DVD Bank \$10 OBO

Zama, Japan - Moving sale JVC 27" TV \$125.00, Casic keyboard \$50.00, 1.6 cubic foo microwave \$50.00, black enter-tainment center \$25.00, many Disney children's VHZ movies

Zama - Large Japanese refriger-ator \$300 OBO still under warranty, Japanese gas range \$50 OBO, queen size mattress & box spring \$300 OBO, 29\* Hitachi TV \$300 OBO, All Itams Hitachi TV \$300 OBO. All purchased in March '04. 0803-176-4149 or comartin 1020 Bhotmail con

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## SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule Times listed are Japan and Korea Stan dard Time. Guam is one hour ahead; Sin gapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind Schedule subject to change without notice.

## Television

AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea TUE., Aug. 31, at 7 p.m.-Pro football-NFL reseason: Tennessee vs. Dallas.

#### **AFN-Atlantic**

TUE., Aug. 31, at 8 a.m.-Pro football: ESPN NFL Monday Night Countdown. TUE., Aug. 31, at 9 a.m.-Pro football-NFL preseason: Tennessee vs. Dallas. WED., Sept. 1. at 9 a.m.-Pro baseball: Texas vs. Minnesota. THU., Sept. 2, at 8 a.m.-Pro baseball: Ana-

### **AFN-Sports**

TUE, Aug. 31, at 8 a.m.-Drag racing: NHRA D'Reilly MidSouth Nationals. TUE, Aug. 31, at 10:30 a.m.-Auto racing: ndy League Firestone Indy 225. TUE, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m.-Pro baseball: Chica-lo Cubs vs. Montreal.

go Cubs vš. Montreal.
TUE, Aug. 31, at 8 p.m.-Auto racing:
NASCAR Nextel Cup Sharpie 500.
WED, Sept. 1, at 2 am.-Pro football-NFL
preseasors Tennessee vs. Dallas.
WED, Sept. 1, at 8 am.-Pro tennis: U.S.
ONED, Sept. 1, at 8 pm.-Pro baseball: San
Diego vs. St. Louis.

Diego vs. St. Loúis. WED., Sept. 1, at 8 p.m.-Pro baseball: Cleve-land vs. N.Y. Yankees, WED., Sept. 1, at midnight-Pro tennis: U.S. Open, Day 3.

### Pro soccer

#### Major League Soccer

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D.C. United 0, New England 0, tie Dallas 4, Chicago 1 Colorado 0, San Jose 0, tie Sunday's game Columbus at MetroStar's Wednesday, Sept. 1 Kansas City at Chicago

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### Pro football

#### NFL preseason



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Atlanta 37, Cincinnati 10 Baltimore 17, Detroit 6 Carolina 20, New England 17 Indianapolis 30, Buffalo 17 Cleveland 21, Kansas City 19

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#### Japan baseball

#### Central League

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### WNBA

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Mednesday, a Indiana at Washington Connecticut at Charlotte Phoenix at Detroit Minnesota at Houston

## Sacramento at Seattle San Antonio at Los Angeles

## Auto racing

## Sharpie 500

Saturday At Bristol Motor Speedway Bristol, Tenn. Lap length: ,533 miles Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: 533 miles
(Starting postion in parentheses)
1. (30) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 500, \$322,443.
2. (4) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 500, \$213,887.
3. (11) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 500

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101,715. 8. (24) Kurt Busch, Ford, 499, \$107,515. 9. (23) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 499, \$134,168. 10. (14) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 499, \$119,232. 11. (10) Greg Biffle, Ford, 499, \$92,165. 12. (18) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 499,

12. (16) Nousy Services, 2 13. (7) Mark Martin, Ford, 499, \$91,440. 14. (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 498, \$135,118. 15. (12) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 498, 16. (19) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 498. \$121,468.

points. 2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, 88. 3. Jenson Button, England, 65. 4. Jarno Trulli, Italy, 46. 5. Fernando Alonso, Spain, 45. 8. (39) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 497, \$111,522. 18. (16) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 497,

19. (6) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 497, \$121,528. \$121,320, 20. (20) Brian Vickers, Uncold \$87,835, 21. (2) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 496, \$107,535, 22. (9) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 496, l. (9) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 496, 1,510. I. (40) Todd Bodine, Dodge, 495, \$76,785. I. (21) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 494.

\$110,963. 25. (28) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 493, 25. (28) Keriny Wallace, Crievrolet, 493, \$71,740, 26. (13) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 490, \$114,248. i. 6) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 481,

 (36) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 481, 5105,961.
 (28) (41) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 468, \$72,595.
 (27) Jeff Green, Dodge, 462, \$98,635.
 (30) (22) Casey Mears, Dodge, 433, accident, \$87,675. 31. (38) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 430, 32. (26) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 418, \$71,455. 33. (25) Carl Edwards, Ford, 386, accident \$103.187

34. (35) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 373, acci-dent, \$89.735. dent, \$89,735.
35. (17) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 313, accident, \$76,615.
36. (34) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 258, accident, \$87,605.
37. (31) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 150, accident, \$76,759.

38. (42) Derrike Cope, Ford, 121, brakes. \$68,250. 39. (33) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 88, accident, \$68,125. 40. (32) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 64, accident, \$94,056.

\$94,056.
41. (43) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 49, handling, \$67,875.
42. (37) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 31, accident, \$75,755.
43. (29) Kevin Lepage, Dodge, 11, vibration, \$67,862. Average Speed of Race Winner: 88.538

npn. **Time of Race:** 3 hours, 0 minutes, 36 sec-

INTER OF NAMES J DOUTS, U minutes, 36 sec-chaspin of Vetory 1.309 Seconds. Caution Flags: 9 for 63 laps. Lead Changers 18 among 10 drivers. Lap Leaders: 1, Gordon 1.57; R. Wallace Leaders: 1, Gordon 1.57; R. Wallace 132-190; D. Earnhardt Jr. 191-31; J. Wellace 132-190; D. Earnhardt Jr. 191-31; J. Mellace 132-190; D. Earnhardt Jr. 191-31; J. Mellace 132-190; D. Earnhardt Jr. 191-31; J. Mellace 10-355; J. Dohnon 385-475; D. Earnhardt Jr. 376-390; J. Burton 391-415; D. Earnhardt Jr. 70p. 10 in Politis: 1, Certain 2, 2000.

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Top 10 in Points: J. Gordon - 3,380; J. Johnson - 3,356; D. Earnhardt Jr. - 3,305; T. Stewart - 3,195; M. Kenseth - 3,156; K. Busch - 3,051; E. Sadler - 3,019; K. Harvick - 2,923; B. Labonte - 2,919; R. Newman - 2,918.

### Belgian GP

Sunday
At The Spa Circuit
Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium
Lap length: 4.335 mile
1. Kimi Raikkkonen, Finland, McLaren-Meredes, 44, 1 hour, 32 minutes, 35.374 seccedes, 44, 1 hour, 32 minutes, 35.374 sec-onds, 123.589 mph. 2 Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari,

 Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari, 44, 13:238,460.
 Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 44, 13:239,645.
 Felipe Massa, Brazil, Sauber-Petronas, 44, 13:247.778. Fisichella, Italy, Sauber-Petronas, 44, 13:243.378.
 Christian Kilen, Austria, Jaguar-Cosworth, 44, 123:493.878. th, 44, 1:32:49.888. David Coulthard, Scotland, aren-Mercedes, 44, 1:32:53.244. Olivier Panis, France, Toyota, 44, 8. Olivier 1:32:53.967.

1:32:53.967. 9. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Renault, 44, 1:32:57.389. 10. Ricardo Zonta, Brazil, Toyota, 41, did not finish, 1:27:21.317. 11. Nick Heidfeld, Germany, Jordan-Ford, 40, 1:32:59.249. 0, 1:32:59.249.

Not Classified
Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, Will-ams-BMW, 37, 1:19:08.595.
Antonio Pizzonia, Brazil, Williams BMW,

7:49.554.
Zsolt Baumgartner, Hungary, Minarur Unit 28, 57:49.082.
Fernando Alonso, Spain, Renault, 11, Fernando Alonso, spain, remain, ..., 24:38.160. Mark Webber, Australia, Jaguar-Cosworth, Takuma Sato, Japan, BAR-Honda, 0. Gianmaria Bruni, Italy, Minardi-Cos

Giorgio Pantano, Italy, Jordan-Ford, 0.

Driver's Standings
(After 13 of 18 races)

1. Michael Schumacher, Germany, nany. 128

6. Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia 7. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, 28. 8. Đavid Coulthard, Scotland, 21. 9. Takuma Sato, Japan, 18. 9. Giancario Fisichella, Italy, 18. 11. Raif Schumacher, Germany, 1: 12. Felipe Massa, Brazil, 10.

13. Mark Webber, Australia, 14. Olivier Panis, France, 6.
15. Antonio Pizzonia, Italy, 4.
16. Cristiano da Matta, Brazil
16. Nick Heidfeld, Germany, 3.
16. Christian Kilen, Jaguar, 3.
19. Timo Glock, Germany, 2.
20. Zsolt Baumgartner, Hung

#### Golf

#### BMW International Open

Sunday At Golfclub Munich-Nord Eichenried Nord Eichenried, Germany Purse: \$2.2 million Yardage: 6,957; Par: 72 Final Round

68-66-67-66-267 73-65-63-68-269 guel A.I Jimenez, Spomas Levet, France ox Ceika German Alex Cejka, Germany Paul Casey, England Colin Montgomerie, Scot. Retief Goosen, S. Africda Paul McGinley, Ireland Darren Clarke, N. Ireland 69-69-69-65-272 67-70-67-68-272 66-69-68-70-273 70-68-67-68-273 Andrew Raitt, England Tino Schuster, German Lee Westwood, England Sebastian Fernandez, Arg. Graeme MCowell, N. Ir Luke Donald, England David Howell, Fingland 68-71-68-69-276 73-68-67-69-277

#### The Tradition

## Saturday At The Reserve Vineyards and Country Club Purse: \$2.3 million Yardage: 7,212; Par 72 Third Round

67-71-66--204 -17 Vicente Fernan Peter Jacobsen Allen Doyle D.A. Weibring Tom Kite Craig Stadler Gil Morgan 69-66-69-204 -12 69-72-64-205 -11 69-69-69-207 -9 72-71-65-208 -8 70-70-68-208 -8 Gil Morgan
Doug Tewell
Bruce Lietzke
Jerry Pate
Dave Stockton
John Bland 69-69-72-210 69-72 ... 73-71-68 -... 71-70-71-212 73-71-69-213 75-69-69-213 74-70-69-213 72-70-71-217 69-71-217 Stewart Ginn John Harris Jim Thorpe 70-70-73-213 75-65-73-213 72-72-70-214 68-75-71-214 73-68-73-214 71-75-69-215 71-75-69-215 Ed Fiori Bob Gilder Fuzzy Zoel Wayne Levi Jim Ahern Leonard Thomps James Mas Mike Smith 71-74-70-215 73-71-71-215 Eamonn Darcy Keith Fergus 72-72-71 - 215 74-69-72 - 215 67-72-76 - 215

## **Buick Championship** Saturday At TPC at River Highl Cromwell Conn.

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Jerry Kelly Brad Faxon Frank Lickliter II J.L. Lewis Bill Haas Loren Robe Craig Barlo Bart Bryant

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## **Tennis**

### **TD Waterhouse Cup**

Sunday
At The Hamlet Golf and Country Club
Commack, N.Y.
Purse: \$380,000 (intl. Series)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Championship
Lieyton Hewitt (2), Australia, def. Luis
Horna (9), Peru, 6-3, 6-1.
Doubles

Horna (9), Peru, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles
Championship
Antony Dupuis and Michael Llodra,
France, def. Yves Allegro, Switzerland, and
Michael Kohlmann (3), Germany, 6-2, 6-4. U.S. Open

## Monday At The USTA National Tennis Center New York Show courts schedule Arthur Ashe Stadium Day Session Marissa Irvin, United States, vs. Am ession I Statos ve Amolio

Mauresmo (2), France Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, vs. Albert Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, vs. Albert Costa, Spain (2), United States, vs. Jennia Chiadkova, Cracch Republic Wight Session Sandra Kleinova, Czech Republic, vs. Serena Williams (3), United States Robby Ginepri, United States, vs. Andre Agassi (6), United States, vs. Andre Agassi (6), United States, vs. Andre

Louis Armstrong Stadium

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# **Bush helps USC overcome Virginia Tech**

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. - Reggie Bush came out of the backfield to give Southern California a new big-play receiver.

The tailback caught three long touchdown passes to help the ton-ranked Trojans heat Virginia Tech 24-13 in a sloppy opener Saturday night in the Black Coaches Association Classic

"He's a special player, and he proved it tonight," USC quarterback Matt Leinart said. "He's real fast, he's got great hands and he can make defenses kind of look silly out there sometimes

Bush caught five passes for 127

"Reggie deserves to get the ball as much as you can get it to him,' USC coach Pete Carroll said.

Bryan Randall led the Hokies with his arm and legs, throwing for 153 yards and a score, and rushing for 82 yards. It was enough to make the defending champions work hard but not nearly enough to pull the upset.

"I think there was a lot of people out there that didn't give us a chance," Randall said. proved them wrong."

The Trojans played their first game in two seasons without star receiver Mike Williams. USC found out Thursday that Williams would not be reinstated by the NCAA after his failed attempt to enter the NFL Draft

The Trojans said they were prenared to be without the All-American Williams and would be OK with a group of talented but inexperienced receivers.

The results showed otherwise Breaking in a new group of starting wideouts, Leinart found few open targets in the first half. going 8-for-16 for 102 vards. And the Trojans' rebuilt offensive line was providing sketchy protection.

So the junior looked to Bush, and the explosive sophomore



USC tailback Reggie Bush races past Virginia Tech's Xavier Adibi (11) and Darryl Tapp (55) for a touchdown.

came through when the Trojans looked as if they were in big trou-ble — trailing 10-7 late in the third quarter.

Bush lined up as a wide receiver, blew by Virginia Tech's best cornerback, Jimmy Williams, cradled in a perfect over-the-shoulder throw Leinart for a 53-yard touchdown with 1:55 left in the third.

Bush also opened the scoring by taking a middle screen 35 yards for a TD in the first quar-

Otherwise an offense that averaged 41 points and 447 yards last season struggled for most of three quarters against a Virginia Tech defense that is coming off its worst season in years.

Wide receivers Steve Smith. Dwayne Jarrett and Chris McFoy combined for eight catches and

Leinart picked it up in the sec-ond half and finished 19-for-29 for 272 yards, hitting 11 straight at one point. He finally found a wide receiver for long gainer

when he hit Smith for 46 vards in the fourth quarter.

On the next play, Bush sneaked out of the backfield and Leinart found him all alone for a 29-yard score that made it 21-13 with 5:35 left and finally allowed the outnumbered Trojans fans among the 91,665 at sold-out FedEx Field to relax a little.

For a while, it looked as if the Hokies might get their first victory against a No. 1 team in seven

As the Trojans failed to connect

in the first half. Randall and the Hokies gained confidence and found a grove

Randall's runs accounted for the bulk of the Hokies' early offense. The elusive senior had 87 vards rushing on six carries in the first quarter, which ended

with USC up 7-3. "I think things opened up for me tonight," Randall said.

In the second quarter, Randall burned the Trojans with his arm. He went 5-for-5 for 65 yards during a 10-play, 80-yard that culminated with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Josh Hyman. The 171/2-point underdog Hokies, unranked entering the season for the first time since 1998, took a 10-7 lead into halftime

The Hokies had things going their way in the second half, too, until an offensive pass interference call on Hyman wined out a long gain and led to a punt.

"The momentum just switched right there," Randall said. USC took advantage on the next possession, sending Bush deep for the lead.

No. 1 USC 24, Virginia Tech 13 Virginia Tech 3 7 0 3-13 7 0 7 10-24

USC-Busch 35 pass from Leinhart (Killeen kick), 5:59.
VaT-FG Pace 35, 1:42.
Second Quarter
VaT-Hyman 12 pass from Randall (Pace kick), 6:19.

USC—Bush 53 pass from Leinhart (Killeer kick), 1:55.

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usin 9-27, Smith I-(minus I), Leinhart (minus 3), Passing-Virginia Tech, Randall 4-29-1-153. USC, Leinhart 19-29-0-272. Receiving-Virginia Tech, King 4-65, Dhisson 3-27, Humes 2-9, Mazzetta 1-22, Viman 1-12, Kinzer 1-8, Clowney 1-7, Hamilin 1-3, USC, Bush 5-127, Smith 4-68, Kirtman 3-2, Hollmes 2-12, McFoy 2-11, Jarrett 2-8, Vebb 1-14.

## Coughlin announces Warner to start Giants opener Pace a contract holdout. Backup tackle

EAST RUTHERFORD N.I - Eli Manning remains the New York Giants' quarterback of the future. For now, the job belongs to Kurt Warner.

Briefly citing Warner's experience and recent play, coach Tom Coughlin an-nounced Sunday that the two-time MVP had beaten out the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft for the starting job in the season opener at Philadelphia

on Sept. 12. briefs

"We give Kurt the ball and say, 'Kurt, let's go win,' " Coughlin said, ending a competition that has dominated train-

ing camp

The choice wasn't surprising in the wake of Friday's 17-10 loss to the Jets. Warner played well and Manning did not during his worst day on the field since signing a \$45 million contract in late July.

Warner hit nine of 11 passes for 104 yards, leading the Giants to their only touchdown against the Jets. Manning was 4-for-14 for 20 yards, with two interceptions and a fumble that was returned for a Jets touchdown. Coughlin's decision puts Manning in a

backup role for the first time since his redshirt freshman year at Mississippi in 2000, when Romaro Miller started.

"I wasn't upset by it," Manning said. "I figured it might come. It doesn't change anything. I still have a lot to learn."

That's why the Giants signed the 33-year-Warner in June after he was released by the St. Louis Rams. It was expected that he would be the caretaker quarterback until Manning, the brother of co-MVP Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts,

#### Bennett questionable for opener

EDEN PRAIRIE. Minn. - Minnesota Vikings running back Michael Bennett will miss 1-3 weeks after spraining his right knee in Friday's exhibition victory over San Francisco.

Bennett, injured in the third quarter on a low hit by 49ers safety Erik Totten, underwent an MRI exam Saturday that revealed more damage than originally diagnosed He won't play in Thursday's exhibition finale at Seattle and is questionable for Minnesota's season opener Sept. 12 against Dal-

"He might be a little iffy for the opener," Vikings coach Mike Tice said Short-vardage specialist Moe Williams

will start in Bennett's place on Thursday and would start against Dallas if Bennett isn't ready. Rookie Mewelde Moore and Larry Ned also will see action.

Onterrio Smith, Bennett's top backup, likely will miss the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rule.

#### Rams place Turley on injured reserve

ST. LOUIS - Starting right tackle Kyle Turley will miss the season after being placed on injured reserve Saturday by the St. Louis Rams.

Turley reinjured his surgically repaired back in late July and left training camp Aug. 1. Rams coach Mike Martz had previously said it would take weeks to know Tur-

The loss of Turley is the latest in a series of offensive line problems for the Rams, who are without star left tackle Orlando

ley's prognosis.

Grant Williams has been bothered by an ankle injury and St. Louis cut center Dave Wohlabaugh because of a hip injury. Veterans Chris Dishman and Tom Nutten were lured out of retirement.

Bills lose Millov, backup OB to injuries

INDIANAPOLIS - Buffalo lost starting safety Lawyer Milloy and backup quarterback Travis Brown with injuries during Saturday night's 30-17 exhibition loss to

the Indianapolis Colts. Milloy broke his right forearm when he jarred the ball loose from Colts receiver Brandon Stokley in the third quarter. He

was scheduled for surgery Sunday "I think my hand got caught in the turf,"

Milloy said. "I couldn't feel anything in my fingers. I just sat there and held my arm. Bills officials did not say how much time Milloy would miss. Milloy said he hoped to

return for the season opener against Jacksonville Brown injured his left knee. Bills offi-

cials were uncertain of the severity of the

### Major League Baseball scoreboard

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# Cards' Pujols reaches milestone numbers

PITTSBURGH - Albert Pujols hit his 40th home run and reached 100 RBIs for the fourth consecutive season, and the St. Louis Cardinals completed a three-game sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates with a 4-0

victory on Sunday. Pujols became the fourth player to drive in 100 runs in each of his first four seasons. joining Hall of Famers Al Simmons, Joe

DiMaggio and Ted Williams Jason Marquis (13-4) held the Pirates to four hits in 71/3 shutout innings to win his 10th straight decision.



Ray King got one out in the eighth and Julian Tavarez got four outs for his fourth save in St. Louis' 10th shutout.

Puiols' first triple of the season keved a two-run third inning for St. Louis. Roger Cedeno scored on the triple and Pujols came home on Scott Rolen's

single Puiols hit his 40th homer in the eighth for a 4-0 lead.

Phillies 10, Brewers 0: Cory Lidle hom-ered and threw a four-hitter for his second shutout of the season, Marlon Byrd hit a grand slam and had five RBIs, and the host Phillies extended Milwaukee's losing streak to 11.

Lidle (8-12) was terrific in his first win with the Phillies, striking out a season-high nine, walking one and not allowing a runner past second base in his fourth career shutout. The right-hander was 0-2 with a no-decision since he was acquired from Cincinnati on Aug. 9

Dodgers 10, Mets 2: Robin Ventura hit his 17th grand slam, tying Jimmie Foxx and Ted Williams for fourth place on the ca reer list, and the visiting Dodgers went on

to an easy victory.

Los Angeles, which maintained its five-game lead in the NL West, scored three unearned runs in the fourth inning to take a 4-1 lead against the league's worst-fielding team. Ventura, making only his 19th start of the season, broke the game open in the fifth against Kris Benson (10-11), scoring the 1,000th run of his ca-



Los Angeles' Robin Ventura watches his grand slam during the fifth inning of Sunday's game in New York, Mets catcher Jason Philips watches the ball. The Dodgers won 10-2.

reer on the homer Kazuhisa Ishii (13-6) won his second straight start after going 0-1 during a five-start span. He allowed one run and four hits in six innings

Padres 11. Expos 3: David Wells won his seventh consecutive road decision and helped himself with an RBI single. Ryan Klesko and Khalil Greene each hit

two-run homers for San Diego. Wells (9-7) allowed eight hits and three runs in seven innings improving to 3.0 in his last four starts overall. His two-out single in the fourth scored Klesko and put San Diego up 4-0.

Reds 6. Diamondbacks 2: Edgar Gonzalez held Cincinnati hitless through six innings, but Adam Dunn's 39th homer helped the host Reds rally past Arizona. Ryan Freel drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning single off Mike Fet-

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ters (0-1) and the Reds avoided a three-game sweep

Gonzalez faced the minimum 18 batters through six innings before Freel led off the seventh with a walk. Felipe Lopez followed with a chopper to first and was credited with an infield single when Gonzalez failed

to cover the base Astros 10, Cubs 3: Lance Berkman omered and Carlos Hernandez earned his first major league win in more than two ears as Houston won its third in a

four-game set at Chicago. Houston's Carlos Beltran left with a bruised knee after he was hit by a pitch in the eighth. Berkman was plunked in the helmet later in the inning, and the benches emptied when the Cubs' Derrek Lee was hit in the back with a pitch in the ninth.

In NL games Saturday: Astros 7. Cubs 6: Roger Clemens pitched six innings for his 324th victory

and the visiting Astros made the most of three Cubs errors.

Clemens (14-4) allowed five runs and eight hits as Houston won for the 10th time in 13 games. Staked to a 5-0 lead. Clemens tied Don Sutton and Nolan Ryan for 12th on the career victory list.

Marlins 4, Rockies 3: Juan Encarnacion hit a two-run single in the first inning and a go-shead two-run homer in the eighth, extending the visiting Rockies' losing streak to six.

Padres 5, Expos 2: Jake Peavy won his sixth straight decision and Phil Nevin homered and drove in three runs for visiting San Diego.

Peavy (11-3), unbeaten in nine starts since the All-Star break, held Montreal to five hits and two runs in 62/3 innings. It was the 18th time in 20 starts he's allowed two earned runs or less.

Phillies 4, Brewers 3: Placido Polanco homered off Mike Adams (2-2) with one out in the ninth and the host Phillies extended Milwaukee's losing streak to 10.

Diamondbacks 6, Reds 3: Casey Fos sum (4-12) combined with four relievers on a four-hitter and Juan Brito singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning for visiting Arizona

## Red Sox make it six straight wins

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Tim Wakefield allowed three hits in eight innings and the Boston Red Soy won their sixth straight game with a 6-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on

Combined with New York's 6-4 loss at Toronto, Boston closed within 41/2 games of the Yankees in the AL East Wakefield (11-7) gave up only

Nook Logan's double in the third Craig Monroe's 10th homer in the fifth and Logan's single in the

The Red Sox scored four runs in the fifth off Wilfredo Ledezma (3-2) and two in the seventh on Mark Bellhorn's 14th homer against Craig Dingman.

Blue Javs 6. Yankees 4: Carlos Delgado homered in Toronto's five-run seventh and the host Blue Jays ended a five-game losing skid.

Tony Batista (10-10) won for the first time since July 23 - a span of seven starts - and allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings

Indians 9, White Sox 0: Scott Elarton (3-3) pitched a two-hitter Roundup

for his first career shutout and Casey Blake hit two of host Cleveland's four homers. Travis Hafner and Ronnie Belliard also connected for Cleve-

land Blake drove in four runs Orioles 7. Rangers 6: Melvin Mora drove in four runs and visit-

ing Baltimore snapped a 12-game losing streak, the club's longest since dropping the final 12 games of the 2002 season. Sidney Ponson (9-13) allowed

five runs and 12 hits — 11 singles — in seven innings, but won for the sixth time in his last seven decisions. He struck out six and Jorge Julio got five outs for his

19th save in 21 chances. In AL games Saturday:

Yankees 18. Blue Javs 6: Tony Clark homered three times for the first time in his career, Ruben Sierra hit a grand slam for his 300th homer and Gary Sheffield and Alex Rodriguez also connected for visiting New York

Mariners 9-5, Royals 7-3: Randy Winn hit a two-run homer in the 12th, helping the host Mariners complete a doubleheader sweep.Bucky Jacobsen drove in three runs with a home run and a double in the opener.

Twins 7, Angels 1: Johan Santana (15-6) won his eighth straight decision, allowing one run and four hits in seven innings in stopping host Anaheim's nine-game winning streak.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 1: Pedro Martinez (14-5) struck out eight to move into the ton 20 on the career list with 2614 and the host Red Sox stretched their winning streak to five.

Rangers 4, Orioles 3: Rod Baraias homered and drove in the tiebreaking run with a sacrifice fly and the host Rangers extended the Orioles' season-high losing streak to 12 games.

Athletics 5, Devil Rays 4: Eric Chavez homered for the third straight game and Tim Hudson (10-4) won his third straight start.

White Sox 5. Indians 3: Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer and Jose Contreras (12-6) outlasted a 2-hour, 46-minute rain delay.









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# Six-week slide over for Little E

## Earnhardt dominates at Bristol: Schumacher clinches F-1 crown

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Dale Earnhardt Jr. acknowledged his team was in a slump. Then he set out to end it

Mission accomplished

Earnhardt broke out of a six-week dry spell Saturday night with a convincing victory in the Sharpie 500, giv-



ing him a weekend sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway and momentum for the upcoming

Nextel Cup championship chase. "This is huge for me, it's awe-some for our team," Earnhardt Jr said "The team really needed that. I watched my Daddy race here so many times ... wherever he's at, he's laughing at this butt-kicking."

His team was in free fall, and nothing the driver or crew tried could fix it

This ought to do it.

"This team is tough as nails!" he screamed in Victory Lane. "Man we needed this This is one of the biggest wins of my career.

"You can't be No. 1 all the time. That's what makes it sweeter Almost completely healed from

burns received last month in a non-NASCAR wreck, Earnhardt led 295 of 500 laps for his first Nextel Cup victory at Bristol. He'll stick the trophy right next to the one he earned Friday night for winning his first Busch series race on the 0.533-mile bullring.

He beat Ryan Newman to the

finish line in Saturday night's race that didn't shake up the championship standings as much as predicted

Newman, fighting to become eligible for NASCAR's 10-race championship chase, moved into contention by jumping three spots to the cutoff position of 10th. It came at the expense of rookie Kasey Kahne, who finished 21st and fell to 11th in the driver standings.

It was the only major change in

the standings as drivers scramble to make it into the top 10 with just two races to go before the playoffs begin.

Kahne is 26 points out of the top 10 and Jeremy Mayfield, his teammate, is right behind in 12th. But time is running out on the Evernham Motorsports pair, and everyone else behind them, too

The name of the game now is putting together solid runs and getting teams in sync right before chase begins. Jimmie Johnson did it by ending his streak of three straight DNFs with a third-place finish.

But it was Junior who made the loudest statement by pulling off a victory when almost everyone had written off the team.

It didn't help that his legs were so badly burned in a practice session for a sports car race in California that Earnhardt twice had to give way to a relief driver, too hurt and too frustrated to stay in

Things started to get better two weeks ago with a fifth-place fin-



Sparks fly as Scott Wimmer (22) tries to avoid Joe Nemechek, left, in Saturday night's race in Bristol, Tenn.

ish on the demanding road course at Watkins Glen

Now comes this victory, which had Earnhardt almost giddy in Victory Lane.

Jeff Burton finished fourth in his new Richard Childress-owned ride Elliott Sadler was fifth followed by Sterling Marlin and Jamie McMurray.

Kurt Busch, who won the past three Bristol races, finished eighth, one lap down. Matt Kenseth was ninth and Dale Jarrett 10th

Pole-sitter Jeff Gordon, the points leader who was seeking his series-best sixth victory of the season, was black-flagged late in the race for lining up in the wrong place on a restart. He finished 14th, but maintained his hold on the top spot.

"That's the hardest-fought, 14th-place finish I've ever had at Bristol," he said. "I think they really made a big mistake on the call there for black-flagging me.

Schumacher clinches seventh title despite finishing second

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium - Michael Schumacher clinched an unprecedented seventh Formula One drivers' title in the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday despite not winning for just the second time in 14 races this

season. McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen was the winner on the hilly Spa circuit, the Finn's second career victory. Schumacher came in sec and and earned his fifth straight drivers' title.

"It's a great day for all of us, and I'm just delighted and happy," Schumacher said. "Obvi-ously, I would rather have wrapped up the championship with a victory, but we weren't strong enough in the right moment

Schumacher finished second to Raikkonen by 3.1 seconds after falling back early to sixth place. He needed to score only two

Jimenez wins; Ryder spots set

more points than Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello to take the title.

Barrichello was third, 4.3 seconds behind the winner on the 4.3-mile circuit. He was followed by Sauber's Feline Massa and Giancarlo Fisichella and Jaguar's

Christian Klien. Schumacher's title completes a Ferrari sweep of the season after the Fiat-owned team claimed its sixth straight constructors' crown two weeks ago in Hungary. Schumacher's only other loss this season came in Monaco in May

Raikkonen averaged 123.589 mph for McLaren's first victory since he won in Malaysia in 2003.

Through 14 races, Schumacher has 128 points and a 40-point lead over Barrichello. Although Barrichello has a mathematical chance to tie the German in points. Schumacher would win in a tiebreaker by virtue of having won more races that his team-



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NORD EICHENRIED, Germany - Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez won the BMW Open, his fourth title on the European tour this season, and Colin Montgomerie was one of six golfers to claim Ryder Cup berths on Sunday. Europe captain Bernhard

Langer chose Montgomerie and Luke Donald with his captain's picks, giving England five players on a team that will try to retain the Ryder Cup against the United States on Sept. 17-19 at

Golf roundup Oakland Hills outside Detroit. Englishmen Paul Casey fin-ished third Sun-

day to secure one of four guaranteed spots and was joined by countrymen David Howell and Ian Poulter and Irishman Paul McGinley

Jimenez birdied Nos. 11, 13 and 14 to break open a duel with France's Thomas Levet and win by two strokes at 21-under 267. He finished with a 66.

#### Ochoa rallies to win

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - Lorena Ochoa birdied three of the last four holes, completing a rally from a five-stroke deficit to win the Wachovia LPGA Classic by two shots over Grace Park.
Ochoa shot a 7-under-par 65

and finished at 19-under 269 for her second career victory.

She took the lead for good when Park, the third-round leader, bogeyed the 15th — one of her three bogeys on the back nine. Park sed with a 72 after setting a

holes with a total of 17-under 199. This was the first time in Park's pro career she lost a tournament after leading after three rounds. Hee-Won Han (67) and Jill McGill (73) finished four strokes

#### **Funk leads Buick**

back at 273.

CROMWELL, Conn. - Fred Funk shot a 1-under 69 for a one-stroke lead over Tom Byrum (67) and Corey Pavin (68) after three rounds of the Buick Championship

Funk, who shared the second-round lead, was at 9-under 201.Hunter Mahan (65) and Joey Sindelar (68) were two strokes back. Skip Kendall and Hank Kuehne were among nine at 6-under.

#### Two share Tradition lead

ALOHA. Ore. -Vicente Fernandez birdied the final hole Saturday for a 6-under 66 and a share of the third-round lead with Peter Jacobsen (69) at 12-under in the Tradition, the Champions Tour's last major of the year.



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## Athens skirted security issues

## Games end without incident

By NIKO PRICE

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - There were Patriot missiles, citywide surveillance cameras, a chemical-sniffing blimp and a \$1.5 billion price tag. In the end, though, the biggest security breaches at these Olympics were two men in skirts.

Despite dire warnings of hijacked airplanes, dirty bombs and killer kites, the Games entered their closing ceremony Sunday with no major security prob-

Was that because the police operation worked, or

because it was overkill?
"I think both," said Maria Bossi, a leading Greek terrorism expert. "I think we did have an overdose of security

Western nations, expressing concern that Greece wasn't doing enough to protect athletes and spectators from terrorists, pressured the host nation to strengthen its security plan in the run-up to the Games. Greek officials who bristled at the criticism said the lack of problems showed that the worries were unfounded

"During this entire time, our actions have served as a reply to the harshest of commentators," said Public Order Minister Giorgos Voulgarakis. "We organized the Games in an environment of security and discretion. This is now recognized by all

Greece's 11 million people warily watched costs more than double to an unheard-of \$1.5 billion. That included about 70,000 police and soldiers, and a massive array of surveillance equipment, including undersea sensors, street cameras and the sensor-laden blimp. Patriot missile launchers were visible aton a hill outside the Helliniko Sports Complex, where athletes played softball, baseball and field hockey

With the first Olympics of the post-Sept. 11 era ending, the Greeks are left holding the check, and

"This was pretty much blackmail from the interna-tional community," Bossi said. "We couldn't do oth-

But some said the money was worth it to guaran-

tee that the Olympics were safe.

"All the money in the world is nothing," said Mohammed al-Bana, a 42-year-old marble cutter. "I'm

very happy.' Of course, the unanswerable question is whether any terrorists' plans were thwarted by the security blitz, or whether the Games would have been fine without the extra security. Athletes - who admittedly aren't footing the bill — said they appreciated the

"All I know is that nothing happened here," said Steven Lopez, a U.S. gold medalist in taekwondo "It's always better being safe than sorry

The prospect of a last-minute trip by Secretary of



Ron Rensimbon, 31, of Montreal, interrunted a diving event on Aug. 16, one of the few breaches of security in the Athens Games.

State Colin Powell prompted a small, violent demon stration downtown, but the trouble - which occurred only yards away from tourists watching the changing of the Parliament guard — remained far from Olympic venues. Other minor scuffles between police and self-proclaimed anarchists also failed to disrupt the Games

Powell canceled his trip on Saturday, with State Department officials saving he didn't want opposition to his presence to distract from the closing cere-

Despite the high-tech, big-budget security measures, protection at times seemed a bit haphazard. tors at venues, and in some cases waved journalists into areas supposedly reserved for athletes.

And the men in skirts? Ron Bensimhon of Montre-

al, Canada, jumped off the 3-meter springboard at enue Aug. 16 wearing a tutu over tights with blue polka dots. His motive remained unclear. but a judge sentenced him to five months in prison for interrupting the games.

He remained free pending an appeal and promised not to do it again.

And on Sunday, a man in a red kilt and green vest grabbed the marathon leader, Vanderlei de Lima of Brazil, and pushed him into the crowd. Police tackled the intruder and a visibly shaken de Lima re-

sumed the race. He later dropped back to win the bronze medal. "It was crazy on the course. It was bad," de Lima said. "For me, it's very, very bad

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## S. Korean gymnast asks panel for gold

By NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — South Korea made a last-ditch push for the gymnastics gold medal given to Paul Hamm, appealing to sports' international arbitration panel to say "yes" when everyone else has said "no way."

Only hours before the Olymended Sunday,

Tae-young asked the Court of Arbitration for Sport to order international gymnastics officials to correct the results from the all-around, and adjust the medal rankings so he gets gold and the American gets a silver "We said we wanted this mis-

judgment to be corrected. That was very clear from the beginning," said Jae Soon-yoo, spokeswoman for the South Korean delegation. "We are talking about our own rights, our own medal, not anyone else's

But U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the appeal was a moot point. The International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG, has already said it won't change its results and the International Olympic Committee has refused to even consider the idea of giving Yang a gold medal

"We consider this a closed matter," Seibel said. "The IOC and the International Gymnastics Federation have both indicated there is no basis by which the results will be revisited and we see no reason why that would happen."

CAS said it would consider the appeal in Lausanne, Switzerland where it is based. With the Games over, there wasn't time to hear the case in Athens. CAS put off setting a date for the hearing until the FIG and USOC could prepare responses.

But there's no guarantee the case will even be heard. CAS traditionally avoids reviewing "field of play" decisions. If CAS does decide to hear the case, though, Seibel said the USOC will "absolute

ly be there to protect Paul's rights and his gold medal."

Hamm has repeatedly said he believes he is the rightful winner, and he won't give up the gold unless ordered to.

FIG spokesman Philippe Silacci had no comment on the appeal. USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi was traveling and could not be reached. Hamm returned to the United States on

Wednesday.

Yang, who finished with a bronze, was wrongly docked a tenth of a point on his second-to-last routine, the parallel bars. He finished third, 0.049 points behind Hamm, who became the first American man to win gymnastics' biggest prize. But add the extra 0.100, and Yang would have finished 0.051 points ahead of Hamm.

That, however, assumes every thing in the final rotation played out the same way.

Three judges were suspended because of the error, but FIG said the results would stand because the South Koreans didn't protest after the meet

Nonetheless, the South Koreans refused to drop the case. which has brought back bitter memories for them. At the 2002 Winter Games, short track speed skater Kim Dong-sung was disqualified in the 1,500-meter race, allowing American Apolo Anton Ohno to win the gold.

After being turned down by FIG in the Yang case, the South Koreans appealed to the USOC and the IOC. But IOC President Jacques Rogge flatly refused to consider duplicate gold medals, and reiterated that stance Sun-

day.
"Our position is extremely simple. The FIG has certified the result of the gymnastics competi-tion. The IOC has awarded the medals according to the certified results," he said. "Paul Hamm was declared the winner and therefore he has received the gold medal, and for us that is

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Three gymnastics judges were

suspended after it was deter-mined South Korean Yang Tae-voung was scored improperly, costing him a gold medal that went to American Paul Hamm.

Even the final event the men's marathon, was marred an hour before the closing ceremony when a defrocked Irish priest bolt ed from the crowd and grabbed the leader, Brazil's Vanderlei de Lima, about three miles from the finish. De Lima recovered and finished but had to settle for a bronze when a protest by his track federation was rejected.

"I was scared, because I didn't

know what could happen to me whether he was armed with a knife a revolver or something and whether he was going to kill me," de Lima said. "That's what cost me the gold medal."

The marathon medalists, gold winner Stefano Baldini of Italy, American silver medalist Meb Ke flezighi, and de Lima received their olive wreaths and medals at the closing ceremony.

These Olympics saw the rise of China as a sports superpower as it positioned itself for the 2008 games in Beijing. The United States, buoyed by the brilliance of swimming star Michael Phelps but embarrassed by the three losses and mere bronze of its once-vaunted men's basketball team, won the most medals.

Americans beat their target of 100 by three, 35 of them gold, Russia finished second with 92 cluding 27 gold. China was third with 63 medals, 32 gold. Greeks gathered at cafes and

tavernas in the Plaka to watch the marathon and the closing ceremony on wide screens and TV sets

"The Greeks showed once again what they're capable of if they set their minds to it," said Yianna Mihalakpoulou, a graphic designer. And, once again, Efharisto!

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## Intruder pushes marathon leader out of contention

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Italy's Stefano Baldini surged ahead with two miles to go and won the Olympic marathon Sunday, while American Meb Keflezighi finished a surprising second in a race disrupted by a costumed intruder who grabbed the runner who had led most of the way and pushed him into the crowd

With three miles left, Vanderlei de Lima of Brazil was clinging to a shrinking lead when he was shoved into the curbside throng by a man dressed in a green beret, red kilt and knee-high green socks.

De Lima was able to get back into the race, but he lost several more seconds and ended up with the bronze medal.

The 29-year-old Keflezighi, who emigrated from the African nation of Eritrea at age 10, is the first American to medal in the men's marathon since Frank Shorter's silver in 1976. Deena Kastor won the bronze in the women's marathon a week ago, marking the first time the United States had won two

medals in the 26.2-mile race at the same Olympics.

"USA running is back," Keflezighi said. "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. Coming in I was not a fa-

vorite, I'm just very happy to win a silver." De Lima drew big cheers from the crowd at the finish line in Panthinaiko Stadium — the beautiful marble structure that was the site of the first mod-

ern Olympics 108 years ago.

He said the intruder cost him a shot at the gold. "When I saw the man who was jumping on me I was scared, because I didn't know what could happen to me, whether he was armed with a knife, a revolver or something and whether he was going to kill me," de Lima said.

A protest filed by the Brazilian track federation asking that de Lima be given a duplicate gold was



A man Greek police identified as Cornelius Horan. right, grabs runner Vanderlei de Lima during the men's marathon in Athens on Sunday.

denied by the International Association of Athletics Federations. Brazil said it would appeal that deci-sion to the independent Court of Arbitration for Sport, whose decision would be final.

The International Olympic Committee said it would present de Lima with the Pierre de Coubertin medal in recognition of his "exceptional demonstra-

tion of fair play and Olympic values. Police quickly tackled and arrested the intruder, who had a piece of paper attached to his back be ing the message: "The Grand Prix Priest Israel Fulfillment of Prophecy Says the Bible.

De Lima pushed himself free and kept running, but he was passed a mile later.

Police identified the intruder as Cornelius Horan,

an Irish citizen. In July 2003, Horan, wearing a cos tume and message similar to Sunday's, ran onto the track during the British Grand Prix and staved there for more than 20 seconds, forcing racers to swerve amund him

# **U.S.** left to rethink **Dream Team plan**

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Standing on the lowest of the three medal podiums, Richard Jefferson couldn't resist sneaking a peek

Standing above him one spot to his right was Argentina guard Pepe Sanchez, who was about to have a gold medal draped around his neck, and Jefferson's eyes were drawn to the reward he

could only look at, not touch, It will be at least four years be-fore another U.S. men's basketball player gets that close to the gold, and it could be even longer

before an American is on the receiving end of a jealous gaze. The Athens Games hammered home a point: The world hasn't just caught up in the 12 years

since the Dream Team was born. It has sped past and left the United States in its wake Shame should not be attached

to the team, though the questions beginning with the word "Why?" are legitimate

Some of the answers: They didn't practice together long enough. They weren't familiar with each another, nor with the rules or intricacies of international basketball. They didn't have pure shooters. They didn't adapt to their coach, nor he to them.

But at least they showed up. If blame is to be cast on anyone,

it should go to the players - in-cluding Shaquille O'Neal, Kevin Garnett, Mike Bibby, Ray Allen, Kenyon Martin and Ben Wallace - who refused to come

"The only thing that bothered me was when I heard so many people talking so bad about the guvs on this team. It was disrespectful, it was ignorant," Jefferson said. "They want to say the 12 guys who decided to come don't care, they're not playing hard enough, they're not playing together. Why? Because you lose a game?

"Just because you lose a game doesn't mean you're not playing together. It just means you're un familiar with one another. That was some of the most ignorant stuff I've ever heard," he said.

The Americans headed home Sunday. No doubt it was a quiet trip for the men, whose faces be-

medals were handed out

Carmelo Anthony stood on the podium shaking his head from side to side. A couple of players gave halfhearted waves to the handful of American fans. Iverson and Marbury exchanged glances and giggled self-consciously as wreaths were placed atop their heads

As the bronze medals were placed around their necks, the players from Argentina ignored the Americans as they turned to their fans, danced and exchanged salutes, smiles and raised fists.

Nothing remotely resembling a smile crossed Iverson's face as the Argentinian anthem played and the country's flag was raised to the rafters. Iverson stared at the flags, the enormity of the moment seeming to strike him hard. The Americans wasted no time

walking off after the ceremony Argentina's squad, the core of which has played together in international tournaments since 1996, remained on the court and celebrated for 20 minutes.

The most special thing you can do is win for your country," Argentina guard Manu Ginobili said. "We win in soccer in the morning and then in basketball Argentina is on top of the world because it is on top of the two biggest sports in the world today.

America will have to go back to the drawing board.

USA basketball president Tom Jernstedt said the federation has already kicked around ideas for how to select a team for the Beijing Games in 2008, from giving the coach a greater say in picking the roster to bringing in the NBA champions, to conducting

tryouts ahead of a training camp. He conceded the Americans might have been too slow to adapt to changes in the world basketball landscape, sticking too long with the formula first used in 1992 — picking the 12 best play-ers they can find and throwing them out there in the belief that sheer talent would overwhelm

the opposition.
"We'll go back and review and figure out if there's a better way of doing it," Jernstedt said. "Leaving with a gold and a bronze is not quite what we expected.

#### Olympics scoreboard

## Sunday's scores TEAM HANDBALL Men Gold Medal Croatia 26. Germany 24

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ayev, Kazākhstan, def. Loren-enteros, Cuba, 36-26. 81 Kg Oakland, Calif., def. Mag-ev, Belarus, 20-13. omed Aripgadjiev, Belarus, 20-13. Over 91 Kg Alexander Povetkin, Russia, def. Mohamed Aly, Egypt, Walkover.

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# **U.S.** wrestlers Cormier, Williams denied medals

ATHENS, Greece — Daniel Cormier went down without a fight this time, and without an Olympic wrestling medal

Cormier, America's last medal hope in freestyle, couldn't hold a 2-0 overtime lead Sunday and lost the bronze 3-2 to Iran's Ali Reza Heidari in the 2111/2-pound (96-kg) class



Heidari's dominance of Cormier was similar to that of last year's world championships, a match that turned ugly when Cormier became enraged at Heidari's on-mat victory celebra-

tion and shoved him in the back After the latest loss, Cormier was left to lash out only at himself.

"I don't know what happened, I really don't know," said Cormier, from Stillwater, Okla. "This was a big match for me, and I just wasn't able to get it done. I just stopped wrestling. I just should have kept doing what I did the whole match."

Earlier in the day, Cormier lost his semifinal match 5-0 in overtime to Russia's Khadiimourat Gatsalov, who then beat Magomed Ibragimov of Uzbekistan 4-1 for the gold.

Sunday proved to be a washout for the U.S. freestyle team, with three-time NCAA champion Joe Williams losing 3-2 in overtime to Kazakhstan's Gennadiy Laliyev in an elimination match at 163 pounds (74kg), Williams finished fifth.

The seven-man U.S. freestyle team left Athens with three medals, Cael Sanderson's gold and silvers by Jamill Kelly and Stephen Abas.

For five-time world champion Bouvaissa Saitiev of Russia, his gold in the 163-pound class was partial redemption for his upset loss to Slay in the 2000 Games his only defeat in a world championship since 1995. Saitiev took the gold by beating Lalivey 7-0.

Yandro Quintana, last year's world runner-up from Cuba, won at 132 pounds (60 kg) by beating Masund Jokar of Iran 4-0

Men's: Brazil backed up its No. 1 world ranking with a gold-medal finish Sunday to a near-perfect Olympics, beating rival Italy in the final.

Gilberto Godoy Filho had 20 points to lead the Bra-zilians to a 25-16, 24-26, 25-20, 25-22 victory. Brazil has been a major international power for the past decade, but this was its first Olympic medal since a gold in 1992

"We are winners," said Godov Filho, who was named the tournament's most valuable player. "We were here for first place. Every player had this and only this in his mind. I am so happy

Russia won this year's bronze by beating the United States in straight sets earlier Sunday.

"It's just so disappointing to have this opportunity to get back on the medal stand and not play your outside hitter Reid Priddy said

While the U.S. team made great strides since a disastrous 0-5 showing in Sydney four years ago, the weekend proved that the Americans are just not quite ready to be included in the world's elite with

#### Brazil, Italy, Russia and Serbia-Montenegro Team handhall

Men's: World champion Croatia won the men's handball gold medal Sunday, finishing an undefeated run through the Olympic tournament with a 26-24 victory over Germany.

The Croatians won in Atlanta in 1996, but failed to qualify for the Sydney Games four years ago. They won the world championship in Portugal last year.

Women's: Denmark won its third consecutive Olympic title, defeating South Korea 4-2 in a penalty shootout after playing to a 34-34 tie at the end of two overtime periods.

Danish goalkeeper Karin Oernhoej Mortenser had two saves, and Henriette Mikkelsen scored the decisive goal in the shootout. The final was a rematch of the 1996 Atlanta Games, which Denmark also won, 37-33 in extra time



Alireza Heidari, of Iran, aides Daniel Cormier, of the USA, after defeating him during a men's freestyle 96kg wrestling bronze medal bout on Sunday

#### Water nolo

Men's: Hungary won its eighth Olympic water polo gold medal, scoring three times in the last quar-ter to beat Serbia-Montenegro 8-7 on Sunday.

Russia beat Greece 6-5 for the bronze medal. The United States upset Italy 9-8 behind three goals apiece from Tony Azevedo and Jesse Smith to finish in seventh place.

In the title game, left-handed shooter Gergeley Kiss scored four goals and Tamas Kasas had two for the defending world and Olympic champions.

The United States' win over an Italian team that finished second in the world championships provided an uplifting ending for the Americans, who were in a tough bracket.

"Winning that was totally important," Azevedo The whole time, we've been saying the top three in our bracket are the three that are going to get the medals. This shows we could have been playing for a medal if we'd started in the other bracket.

Men's over 80 kg: South Korea's Moon Dae-sung unleashed a wicked roundhouse kick that knocked out Alexandros Nikolaidis of Greece in the first round of Sunday's tackwondo heavyweight final.

Moon was leading 1-0 when he landed a high kick to the Greek fireman's head. The blow knocked Nikolaidis' helmet askew and he collapsed on the mat for several seconds before officials came over to

help him up.
At 6 feet 7, most of Nikolaidis' competitors have a tough time lifting their legs up high enough to connect with his target points. But the 6-foot-3 Moon managed to catch Nikolaidis off guard and landed the rare knockout to claim his first Olympic gold

Women's over 67 kg: China's Chen Zhong defeated Myriam Baverel of France 12-5 to successfully defend her gold medal from Sydney.

#### Rythmic gymnastics

All-around: Four years after watching her medal hopes end when she lost control of her hoop, two-time world champion Alina Kabaeva from Rus sia won the rhythmic gymnastics all-around Sunday in a rout. She finished with 108.400 points, more than a point ahead of silver medalist Irina Tchachina of Russia. Anna Bessonova of Ukraine took the



The United States' Darold Williamson celebrates after crossing the finish line to win the gold in the final leg of the 4 x 400-meter relay.

## 1,600 sweep revives U.S. relay teams

BY ANDREA ADELSON The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Lauryn Williams had a favor to ask Sanya Richards on Saturday morning: Bring home the gold How about two

The United States swept the 1,600-meter relays later in the evening, making up for the disappointment of the 400 relay teams. Richards led her 1.600 team to victory in 3 minutes, 19.01 sec onds, while Jeremy Wariner powered the men to gold in 2:55.91 just .17 seconds off the Olympic record. It was the seventh straight gold for Americans in that relay.

Williams was on the 400 relay that was knocked out Friday night when she couldn't execute the baton exchange with Marion Jones

Then, on Saturday night, Justin Gatlin stepped on Coby Miller's shoe, slowing the men's 400 team down and costing it gold.

"She just wanted us to go out and bring home gold for them, and that's what we did," Richards said. "I'm just happy we were able to pull it off for the U.S.

After what happened to the 400 teams, the U.S. coaches told their runners to focus on getting clean handoffs, even though they are not as much of a factor in the long-

So the team of DeeDee Trotter, Monique Henderson, Richards and Monique Hennagan went out and easily beat Russia, which took silver in 3:20.16. Jamaica won bronze in 3:22.

"Before we came out here, our coaches told us the running would be the easiest part, to focus on the small things like getting

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the stick around, staying in the zone, not running out of our lanes early." Richards said. "Everybody was focused on it and it worked out really well for us

It also made up somewhat for the 400-meter final, when Richards, Trotter and Hennagan failed to medal.

While they celebrated, the men's 1,600 team prepared to take the track with Wariner, Otis Harris and Derrick Brew - who swept the 400 earlier in the week.

Darold Williamson was selected to run anchor, a familiar position for him. He and Wariner ran together on the Baylor team that won the 1,600 relay earlier this year at the NCAA outdoor championshins.

After they won the gold medal, Wariner announced he's turning

T've done all I can do. Now it's time for me to step to the next stage and see what I can do

Australia took silver in 3:00.60, and Nigeria won bronze in 3:00.90.

"We prayed the Americans would do us a favor and drop the baton somewhere," said Enefiok Udo Obong of Nigeria. "But bronze is as good as gold in Nige-

The United States has won the men's 1,600 relay every year since 1976, not including the bovcotted Moscow Olympics.

"With all the problems the other teams were having, we just wanted to get the stick around and win a gold medal," Harris

# Ward gives U.S. boxers lone golden moment

BY TIM DAHLBERG The Associated Press

ATHENS. Greece Andre Ward and his father had been too close not to share this moment, just like they shared everything else. Standing on the medal podi-um, Ward looked upward and blew a kiss to the man who had meant so much to him.

Frank Ward would have been proud of his son — an Olympic gold medalist.

"I believe he was looking down on me," Ward said. "I just wish he was here

Boxing in the memory of his late father, Ward became the only American boxer to win a gold medal, beating Magomed Aripgadijev of Belarus on Sunday to claim the light heavyweight title.

Ward's father, who introduced his son to boxing, died suddenly two years ago and Ward boxed through the Olympics with a picture of him in his shoes. Deeply religious, he said he believes his father helped guide him to the

"I felt his spirit all through this tournament." Ward said.

Ward's victory in the last fight of the Games salvaged what had been a bleak Olympics for the U.S. boxing team, which brought nine boxers to Athens but had only one bronze medal before Ward stepped into the ring.

Showing a maturity that most of his teammates lacked. Ward shook off a swollen eye to turn the fight around in the third round and win a 20-13 decision.

"I just couldn't see myself coming away with a bronze or silver Ward said. "I couldn't see myself settling for that."

It was the first gold medal for the United States since David Reid's victory in 1996, and it couldn't have come at a better time for the beleaguered U.S. boxing program. American boxers seemed lost much of the time during these Games, unable to adapt to international scoring and un-

willing to change their styles. Not Ward, whose singular focus on winning a gold medal carried him to four victories and the top prize

"If a lot of other guys on this team were mature like him and didn't lose discipline, they would have been here too," assistant II S coach Al Mitchell said "He's a good role model and we need role models in this sport.

On a day when Cuba won three more golds and British teenage sensation Amir Khan came up short in his gold medal bout, Ward found his mark with quick inside punches in the third round to null ahead

Ward trailed after two rounds but came on strong in the final two despite swelling around his right eye that coaches worked on in the corner between rounds. He won the third round 7-2, then remained aggressive with quick flurries in the final round.

"I felt he was much guicker than me," Aripgadjiev said.

Ward had a cheering section of family members rooting him on, an atmosphere much different



American Andre Ward, from Oakland, Calif., celebrates his gold medal victory after defeating Belarus' Magomed Aripgadjiev during the light heavyweight boxing final in the 2004 Athens Games on Sunday.

than during Friday's semifinal bout in which he was booed by the crowd from the moment he entered the arena.

He admitted that the pressure

first two rounds 'I wasn't having fun the first

of the moment slowed him in the two rounds. I was kind of tight because I've got the country and world on my shoulders," Ward said. "But I loosened up and picked it up.

In previous Olympics, the 20-year-old father of two from Oakland, Calif., would have been an attractive candidate for a promoter to sign for big money. Because Olympic boxing wasn't widely shown on American television, though, Ward's market value won't be as high.

Still, he said he plans to pursue a pro career.

"I have to go home, settle down and see what's on the table," he

Cuba ended the boxing tournament with five gold medals, two more than Russia. Defending Olympic champion Guillermo Rigondeaux and Mario Kindelan both won, as did light flyweight Yari Bhartelemy.

The Cuban total didn't match the seven golds won in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, but was better than the four Cuba took home in each of the last two Games

In perhaps the most anticipated final Kindelan heat Khan for the lightweight gold.

Kindelan was too wily and experienced for the 17-year-old Khan, who had won four straight fights

in impressive fashion.

Russian super heavyweight Alexander Povetkin, meanwhile, won a gold without having to throw a punch. Povetkin's opponent in the finals, Mohamed Aly of Egypt, failed the morning medi-

#### Americans earn heavy medal haul; China gains ground BY DAVID CRARY tition from Asia and the former Soviet republics. Yet the

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - The United States finished atop the medal charts for the third straight Summer Olympics with Russia the overall runner-up. China was second in gold medals, its best showing ever and the leading edge of a surge by Asian teams. Six nations won gold medals for the first time, the trail-

blazers including an Arab sheik marksman and an Israeli windsurfer. Two other countries, Paraguay and Eritrea, won their first medals of any sort The American team amassed 103 medals, topping its tar-

get of 100, and won 35 golds to 32 for China and 27 for Russia. China played the lead role in the Games' most significant trend: The improvement of Asian squads in a widening array of Olympic sports as they gird for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing Far East Asian nations won 63 gold medals in Athens

compared with 43 at Sydney in 2000. Japan alone upped its gold total from five to 16, the biggest increase of any nation, while China won golds for the first time in tennis and "These were the games where we saw the awakening of

Asia," International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said. "The traditional strong nations that dominate the scene now will have to work extremely hard. Australian Olympic chief John Coates, whose team fin-

ished fourth, said China and Japan "have sent us an ominous warning. They're gearing up for a dominant performance in 2008 Asia's gains came largely at the expense of Europe. Ger

many won 48 medals in Athens, nine fewer than in Sydney, and medal hauls also dropped for France, Italy, Poland, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands. Greece, despite drug scandals and other setbacks, won

16 medals, its best showing since it hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896



Russia dipped in golds compared to Sydney (27, from 32) but, despite disappointing performances in swimming and gymnastics, exceeded its overall medal total — 92 this time compared to 88 in 2000.

The Americans won the most medals in swimming and track and finished one behind Romania in gymnastics.
U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive Jim Scherr, who set his team's medal target, said surpassing it was "an excentional accomplishment" in light of the stiffening compe-

U.S. gold medal total of 35 was the lowest since the Montre al Olympics in 1976

"It's more and more difficult, as time goes on, for U.S. athletes to gain a spot on the podium," Scherr said Australia finished with 49 medals and 17 golds, a remarkable performance in two respects.

Avoiding a traditional falloff, it became the first nation ever to increase its gold medal total four years after hosting the Summer Games. Australia won 16 golds in Sydney.

Also, Australia joined Cuba as the major Olympic nations winning the most medals per capita in Athens. With a population of 20 million, Australia won a medal for every 408,000 people. Cuba won 27 medals, one for every

One little country outdid them: The Bahamas, population 300,000, won two medals. India had the worst ratio among medal winners

418,000 of its 11.3 million citizens.

one, a silver in shooting, for its 1.3 billion people. Populous countries winning no medals included Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Seventy-five 75 of the 202 countries competing in Athens won at least one medal. That's not a record; 80 won medals in Sydney. Countries claiming their first-ever gold medals included

Taiwan in taekwondo, the Dominican Republic in men's 400-meter hurdles, Chile in tennis and Georgia in judo. Windsurfer Gal Fridman won Israel's first gold and Ahmed Al Maktoum, a wealthy sheik, won the United Arab Emirates' first gold, in trap shooting. Paraguay, without any medal in nine previous Summer

Games, won a silver courtesy of its men's soccer team. Zersenay Tadesse won bronze in the 10,000 meters for Eritrea, its first medal since gaining independence from Ethionia in 1993

Ethiopia and Kenva led Africa with seven medals each. The continent as a whole won 35, the same as in Sydney. South American nations won 23 medals, up from 19 in Syd-

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# Athens rose to challenge







Fireworks explode during the closing ceremony for the 2004 Olympic Games at the Olympic stadium in Athens on Sunday.

## Greece takes a bow as Games wrap up

ATHENS, Greece

A nervous world learned the Greek word for thank you and repeat ed it endlessly at an astonishingly successful Athens Olympics that quelled fears, surprised skeptics and greatly honored the birthplace of the Games. Efharisto, Athens, for architectural master

pieces of stadiums and arenas that showcased record performances. The



fountain sprays, reflecting pools and soaring arches. The undulating, giant white Wall of Nations that caught the whispering wind, bringing music to our ears and smiles to our

Efharisto for the thousands of security forces who stood guard day and night, keeping terrorism away. An undercurrent of danger, a sense of tranquil-ity. We saw guns every-

where, walked in peace. Fireworks and spectacular lighting kicked off the closing ceremony Sunday night, a two-hour extravaganza of folk dancing and music in the Olympic tradition that summed up the glee and relief the Games brought to Greece. Afterward, thousands of athletes marched into Olympic stadium, waving their arms and flags, snapping photos of each other, hugging, and basking in the cheers of 70,000

A full moon lit up the sky, adding an extra sparkle to the night. Not quite as high above the celebration was the white security blimp. keeping a watchful eye on all the action - as it did throughout the Games.

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Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki Athens 2004 president

"You have won." International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge told the Greek people, who responded with a roar.
"You have won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the Games. These

were unforgettable, dream Games."

He was right, even if they started slowly the first week with empty seats and vacant plazas as many Greeks took their holidays and frightened tourists stayed away. The second week saw the Games transformed. The huge Olympic stadium was packed each night for track and field. Basketball, tennis and beach volley-

ball rocked There had been no shortage of worries that Athens would not be ready for these Games. As late as March 2000, the IOC considered moving the Olympics out of Greece, possibly to South Korea

"It's always nice to underpromise and over deliver," said Jim Easton, an American IOC

vice president.

Athletes who finished their events partied, roaming the Plaka, Syntagma and Omonia squares. It was Greece at its rollicking best, a spirited fusion of visitors from all countries, and of all colors and ages. It reminded us again, at a time when we need all the reminding we can get, that the Olympics celebrate humanity's highest aspirations, the universal quest for peace and the exalted qualities of body, mind and spirit that transcend cultures.

Efharisto, Athens, for coupling the ancient

with the new, putting up with years of jarring construction, spending billions beyond your budget, and giving us a glimpse of your future as a sophisticated, modern city.

"The world discovered a new Greece," said Athens 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who made it all happen with her fierce determination to overcome construction delays and avoid an international hu-

These Games took us to their sacred origin in Olympia, the mythological home of the gods, to watch the shot put, to Marathon to stand on the spot where the race got its name.

We trod like pilgrims to a shrine up the dusty stones of the Acropolis to gaze with awe at the 2,500-year-old Parthenon. Our imagina-tions did the rest, letting us feel the spirit of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle; Pericles and Alexander the Great; Hippocrates and Herodotus; Euclid and Pythagoras — that brainy bunch who laid the foundation for our culture.

The scourge of sports - steroids, stimulants and other drugs - intruded but didn't spoil the Games. A record two dozen athletes were caught, seven lost medals, and there could be more to come as the test results keen rolling in.

"Each positive test is a blessing for us be-cause it's eliminating the cheats and protect-ing the clean athletes," Rogge said. "The more we find, the better."

There were scandals and controversies, as always.

Greek sprint stars Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou broke their countrymen's hearts — and angered many — when they pulled out of the Games after questions over missed drug tests and a suspicious motorcycle crash the night before the opening ceremony.

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